

# County Line Quilters News

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June 2025

Dear Ladies and Jacob,

Happy June! Summer will officially be here later in June, but Memorial Day seems to be the unofficial start. Rebecca Penniston was our wonderful speaker in May. She is so creative and entertaining with her whimsical bird designs with stories to go with each bird. We are trying to coordinate workshop with Rebecca and will contact you when this happens.

I will not be at our meeting on June 9th, as my son is getting married that night in the Outer Banks. Denise and Stella have stepped to take my place that evening. The ice cream social is a great time to enjoy each other's company. Stella has a special treat for us, a person who will give us pointers on taking care of ourselves and bodies while sewing. There will be no Zoom in June, just in person only.

Lois and Helen will be collecting \$35 membership money for the 2025-2026 year at our June meeting. The checks will be deposited the beginning of July.

The fat quarters for June are magenta/pink. Do not forget to bring in money to buy your raffle tickets for the beautiful color bundles from this past year. The winner for each bundle will be picked at this month's meeting. You do not need to be present to win. If you did not sign up to make a craft or more for our show, please see Liz Watson. See Joanne D'Allura or Marilyn Lopez to be part of the Ohio Star Exchange in December. We are also accepting clean, pressed, folded, and labeled fabric for our boutique see Marilyn Lopez near the check-in.

Even though June 9th is our last guild meeting until September, we do have some activities throughout the summer. The third Thursday is Philanthropy Day at the church from 10AM to 2PM- June 19th, July 17th, and August 21st. The third Saturdays are the Moda Block get togethers on Zoom from 10-11AM- June 21st, July 19th, August 16th. Newcomers are always welcome!

The Summer will give you time to work on our challenge- "Everyday is a holiday", make crafts and/or a mini for our quilt show, make the Ohio Star blocks for the exchange in December. Most of all enjoy and treasure the time with family and friends! Thank you to you all for making this a wonderful year!

Carol

*Remember, you sew and quilt, making you a uniquely creative person who has a gift to share with the world. Never forget that- even when your bobbin runs out of thread!*

## COUNTY LINE QUILTERS GENERAL MEETING MINUTES 5-12-2025



### **Meeting Minutes**

The meeting was called to order by President Carol Cotter at 7:00 p.m. The meeting was held at Doylestown Mennonite Church, Doylestown, PA. President Carol Cotter welcomed everyone to the meeting.

The speaker for the evening was Rebecca Penniston, "RazBeca", who spoke about her Whimsical Birds collection of patterns.

Carol said that she will not be at the June meeting as she will be out of town for her son's wedding.

Vice Presidents – Denise Beck/Stella Bredin – At the June meeting the first 30 minutes will be a presentation by a reflexologist, followed by the Ice Cream Social.

Secretary – Vickie Detwiler – A Motion was made by Dee Carr and seconded by Mary Beth Hoff to accept the Minutes of the April 14, 2025 meeting. The Motion passed.

Treasurer – Kathy Webb – There was no Treasurer's Report in the recent newsletter. It will be in the June newsletter.

Activities – Sue Edelman – Sue will be stepping down at the end of this year. Carol thanked her for her hard work. We will still have chances for the fat quarters at the June meeting.

Blast – June 4th is the deadline for the Blast.

Events – Joyce Helstrom – There were only four responses regarding the flea market at the end of September. We need about 15 people to make this worthwhile. Please let Joyce know if you are interested.

Joyce will look into getting a workshop set up with Rebecca Penniston. She will be working on a full slate of activities for Saturdays.

Moda Blockheads will be held this coming Saturday on Zoom. Also, there will be an Ohio Star block exchange in December. The exchange will consist of 12 blocks (or six if you can't get 12 done) made of any fabric except holiday or juvenile. Sign-ups will be at this meeting and at next month's meeting.

Historian/Ambassador – Nancy Williams – Pictures were taken of the Moda Blockheads blocks for the yearbook.

Membership – Helen Haun/Lois Moore – There were 55 members in attendance at this meeting, as well as one guest.

Newsletter – Jacob Kane – The newsletter deadline is May 25th.

Facebook – Kathy Acker – No report.

Philanthropy – Barbara Lewis/Barb Gleason – Thank you to everyone who brought items in tonight. There are receiving blanket kits available for anyone who would like to take some. We will also be working on them at Thursday's sew day. Thank you to everyone who brought in Angel baby blankets. There were quite a few.

Sunshine – Dee Carr – Suzie Sergeant's husband recently passed and Ellen Cicak had surgery on her wrist this week.

Website – Marilyn Malik – Marilyn added a new page to the website for the Quilt Show. There are directions on the website for all the Philanthropy items.

Technology – Emily Kane – Emily will be stepping down. Carol thanked her for handling technology for us.

Quilt Show – Marilyn Lopez/Marilyn Malik – As people donate items for the Quilt Show, they will receive a bag of M&M's. Thank you to everyone who has already donated items for the Boutique.

We will also be accepting mini-quilts to be raffled off at the show, which should measure no more than 80" around (perimeter) and should have a hanging sleeve on the back

We still need co-chairs for the following committees: Door Prizes, Publicity, and Boutique.

Show and Tell – There were three members who showed their quilts.

Drawings – Fat Quarters: Anita Lehman Next month's color will be pink/magenta.

Gift Cards: Terri Alu – Byrnes

Sue Edelman – Stitch Central

Quilt Folk Magazines: Kit Holmes

Marianne Grey

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Vickie Detwiler, Secretary



## **GUILD HAPPENINGS**

### **Programs**

Before our Ice Cream Social at the June meeting, Meg Mautz from Meg's Reflexology will spend some time talking about body mechanics for sewists. We are working on finalizing the speakers for Sept 2025 - June 2026 speakers and will share more details once everything has been finalized.

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### **Philanthropy**

I thought it best to give some information on our NICU kits for new people and for anyone who has never tried one. The kits were the genius of Joyce Helstrom during the pandemic. She took kids fabric, added some coordinating pieces and put it all in a baggie. We were able to give them out from the back of our cars every month in the field lot of the church. Since then we've kept going with it. In the baggie you'll receive at least one kid fabric and some coordinating fabrics. Its not enough to finish a quilt. You'll still need background fabric from your stash. You can make any pattern you like. We've had nine patches, blocks, pin wheels ,stars ,four patches and panels with borders. The quilts should be 40 by 44 and have a dark back. If you don't have a dark back that's fine because Abington hospital NICU does not ask for dark. At some point we may be able to get dark backs next year, but storage for these and for batting is an issue.

If you make any other size quilt we give those to Beds for Kids. They service kids from 2 to 18. I know that any quilt will keep a child warm, but its nice to make something that you would want your own kid to get.

Almost all of the placemats have been distributed. Sadly one of our groups closed. The rest are worried that they may close if the federal government takes away their funding. I'm going to be optimistic that someone in Congress will use their intelligence and keep feeding our senior citizens and shut ins. So if you can start making placemats again over the summer for an October delivery that would be wonderful. Fingers crossed.

Thank you for all you do for our community.

Barb Gleason and Barbara Lewis - Philanthropy Chairs

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## Activities

The Fat Quarter color for June's meeting is MAGENTA/pink. Bring two magenta fat quarters to be entered into a drawing to win one set of those received. See Sue Edelman in the downstairs meeting room to enter, also to put your name into the drawing to win a Byrnes or Stitch Central gift card at the end of the meeting.

We will also be continuing to sell tickets at our June meeting for the "Second Chance Fat Quarter Bundles". Nine bundles of fat quarters from the past year are available to win! Sue, Ellen and Jacob will be selling tickets - 3 for \$1, 18 for \$5, 50 for \$10. Write your name on your tickets and place them in the bin corresponding to the bundle(s) you want to win. The winners will be drawn at the end of the meeting.

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## Be A Winner — The 2nd Time Around!!

Did you miss out on winning at one of our guild's monthly Fat Quarter drawings?

You can try, try again at our May and June meeting!

We will be offering 8 opportunities to win a Bundle of Fat Quarters! They'll be on display at the May and June meetings and you can purchase tickets to take a chance on winning your favorite(s). Maybe you hoped to win the month with Blue Fat Quarters --- or maybe you're contemplating a Valentine's or Halloween project and would love to win a collection of Pink Fat Quarters or a bundle of Black and White or Orange ones! Here's your chance!

Tickets will be on sale: 3 chances for \$1, 18 chances for \$5, and 50 chances for \$10. Similar to how we handle our Mini Quilt Raffle at our quilt shows, you'll put your name on the back of your tickets and deposit them in marked containers for the bundle(s) of your choice. The lucky winners will be drawn at the June meeting (need not be present to win)

Sue Edelman and Jacob Kane will be available at the May and June meetings to sell tickets. The more tickets you purchase the better your chances are of winning.... but it only takes ONE to win!!

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## Membership

You may pay your annual \$35 dues (for the season beginning in September) at the June 9th meeting. Please note that the money will not be deposited until July.

Make checks payable to County Line Quilters.

If paying with cash, please include it in an envelope with your name on it.

Thank you!  
Helen and Lois

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### **\*\*\*\*REQUIREMENTS FOR DONATIONS FOR THE QUILT SHOW (Sat April 25-Sun April 26, 2026)\*\*\*\***

We are going to try to be proactive and efficient in our gathering efforts for Boutique items. Please see the request below:

1. Clean items. (like you would want something clean for yourself)
2. Pressed, measured, folded and labeled ( staple labels to edge of fabric)
3. 100% quilting cotton quilting fabric
4. Accepting Rulers, NeedleArts (cross-stitch, yarn etc)
5. Accepting Notions, ie buttons, zippers, thread and sewing related items(Not home decorations)
6. Day of Set Up (Fri Apr 24, 2026)- bring Books, Magazine, &Patterns to St. Cyril's

Donations to start in MAY 2025 & at every in-person Guild meeting. There will be drop off into containers for Fat Quarters, Yardage & Notions.

Thank you very much for your assistance & generosity!!

## **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](mailto:cacotter@yahoo.com).

Bonnie Kane -Bonnie does edge to edge quilting on an Innova longarm 267-673-8444;  
610-304-8022 [abk102995@msn.com](mailto: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](mailto:jdalldesignss@gmail.com)

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## **UPCOMING QUILT SHOWS**



Road to Virginia Quilt Show (bus offered by Circle of Friends Quilting) –

June 15-29

Lancaster, PA - Sept 10-13

PA Nat'l Quilt Extravaganza - Sept 11-14 \*

\*Guild members are invited to volunteer as Exhibition Hostesses or Judging Assistants at the September PNQE Show in Oaks PA. Credits towards class fees are offered in return for volunteer service. Contact Sue Edelman for more information/registration form.

## Notes From the Community



Dear Barb,

I wanted to send a quick note to say thank you so much for your generous donation of 29 handmade quilts and 93 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 2900 children aged 2-20 in 2024 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!





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

### **JUNE BIRTHDAYS**

6/6 - Marlene Snyder  
6/9 - Barbara Gleason  
6/18 - Vickie Detwiler

### **JULY BIRTHDAYS**

7/1 - Margaret Wheaton  
7/2 - Marilyn Malik  
7/8 - Bev Smith  
7/9 - Joyce Helstrom  
7/14 - Rose Marie Wert  
7/18 - Barbara Miller  
7/25 - Karen Adams

### **AUGUST BIRTHDAYS**

8/5 - Suzette Trucksess  
8/6 - Joan Fauser  
8/18 - Lynn Holtzman  
8/24 - Joanne D'Allura  
8/25 - Joyce Overberger  
8/27 - Sonja Hipple

### **RECENT TRANSACTIONS Through May 30, 2025**

DATE	CK #	Budget Category	PAYEE	ACCT/EXP	CHECKING	
					CK AMT	DEPOSIT
4/14/25	1952	Quilt Show	St Cyril of Jerusalem	Deposit for Quilt Show	\$250.00	
4/14/25	1953	Philanthropy	Lewis	Philanthropy Supplies	\$178.00	
4/14/25	1954	Programs	Deinse Beck	"gifts" for participants in April Trunk Show	\$179.40	
4/18/25		Membership				\$75.00
4/18/25		SewFun		1Q event		\$155.00
5/12/25	1955	Programs	Rebecca Penninson	Program May	\$500.04	
5/14/25				Pin Sale		\$70.00
5/14/25		Membership		Guest		\$5.00
5/30/25	1907	Programs	Deinse Beck	"gifts" for participants in April Trunk Show (tax and shipping mission from original check)	\$26.66	
					<b>CURRENT BALANCE</b>	<b>\$19,452.43</b>

Financials reconciled to 5/24/25 Bank Statement

## EXECUTIVE BOARD

<b>President</b>	Carol Cotter	215-802-8904	cacotter@yahoo.com
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	Marilyn Malik	267-625-9667	gardengrl7257@yahoo.com
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	Barbara Lewis	215-635-3040	BJL312@verizon.net
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<b>Challenge Quilt</b>	Ellen Cicak/Kathy Webb	607-206-6455	kwebbquilt@gmail.com

*County Line Quilters' Guild meets on the second Monday of every month at 7PM*

*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 New Britain – 215-230-9411

Stitch Central in Glenside – 267-277-4148

Sew It Is Quilt Shop – 607-748-5661 – [www.sewitisquiltshop.etsy.com](http://www.sewitisquiltshop.etsy.com)



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