

# County Line Quilters News

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Dear Ladies and Jacob,

Looking forward to seeing everyone on the December 8th! We will be starting half an hour earlier at 6:30PM. There will be no Zoom as the meeting is not conducive to it. It is going to be great night! I cannot wait to see your Challenge projects, as well as looking forward to sampling many of the appetizers and desserts.

This is a season for being grateful, and I am very grateful for all of you! I love the way our members step up for when asked. Big thanks to all those to who collectively made 132 placemats! We collected \$130, 19 gift cards, and food for the Bucks County pantries. This month we will be collecting for the Montgomery County pantries. The guild is donating to each county's pantries.

Thank you to Gina, Joanne, and Marilyn Malik for teaching us crafts, then working with us as we made them, and thank you to those who made the donated crafts for the show.

Please see Joanne and Liz to see what crafts are needed for the show, and sign up. Please consider making a mini quilt with a perimeter less than 80". Contact Suzette if you are interested in having something for the Quilt Show consignment shop. See Sue Clark to sign up for volunteering for the quilt show. Be sure to registered your quilts for the show with Barb Sarafinsa.

If you are interested in purchasing a 2024-2025 yearbook for \$25, please see Nancy Williams. Fat quarters for December is white on white. There will be no show and tell this month. We will be on Zoom in both January and February. Be sure to wear your name tag!

Please take advantage of the coming opportunities, something for everyone!

Monday, December 1- Plumsteadville Inn 6:30, 6:00 for executive board meeting

Saturday, December 13- Chubby Charmer Bag

Thursday, December 18- Philanthropy Day

Saturday, December 20- Zoom MODA Block

Friday, January 9 – Zoom Craft Sit and Sew 10AM to 3PM

Saturday, January 17 – Zoom UFO Sit and Sew 10AM to 3PM

Tuesday, February 11 (Tentative) Valentine's Potluck Luncheon

Reserve these dates- All Hands on Deck!

Friday, April 24 -Set up for Quilt Show

Saturday and Sunday April 25 & 26 – Quilt Show

Wishing you all an enjoyable holiday season with family and friends,  
Carol

*"To be creative is to let little pieces of your heart go and place them into each project you make." Pat Bravo*

## COUNTY LINE QUILTERS GENERAL MEETING MINUTES 10-13-2025



### **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.

Denise Beck introduced the speaker for the evening, Lori Leonardi, who spoke about Quirky Little Quilts.

Kathy Webb appeared, dressed in various holiday garb, to encourage members to participate in the "Every Day's a Holiday" challenge. Ellen Cicak showed some suggestions of holiday quilts.

Vice Presidents – Denise Beck/Stella Bredin – Next month's meeting/holiday party will begin at 6:30. The doors will open at 5:30 for set-up. The meeting/event will not be on Zoom. January and February's meetings will be on Zoom and we have great speakers lined up. Speakers are booked through May.

Secretary – Vickie Detwiler – A Motion to accept the Minutes of the October 13, 2025 meeting was made by Suzette Trucksess and seconded by Dee Carr. The Motion passed.

Treasurer – Kathy Webb – A Motion to accept the Treasurer's Report was

made by Suzette Trucksess and seconded by Denise Beck. The Motion passed.

Communications – Jeanne Malone – The deadline for the Blast is December 3rd.

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

Events – Joyce Helstrom – We had a wonderful potluck luncheon. Another one will be planned. The tea at Tilly Mint's was a very nice day. Moda Blockheads has been held on Saturdays. This Saturday it will be on Zoom. The following events are upcoming: November 22nd – Paper Piecing with Sue Edelman; December 13th – Chubby Charmer Bags with Pat Clayton. Joyce is still taking sign-ups for the Holiday Dinner at Plumsteadville Inn on December 1st. There will be a short meeting of the Executive Board beginning at 6:00 p.m. prior to the dinner.

Historian/Ambassador – Nancy Williams – We still need four more people so that we can order members' copies of the yearbook. Only six people have signed up so far.

Membership – Helen Haun/Lois Moore – There were 50 members in attendance at this meeting,

as well as four members on Zoom. From now on, we will keep our own name tags instead of turning them in after each meeting. That way, members can wear their name tags to other events. The name tags will be collected in June so they don't get misplaced over the summer.

Philanthropy – Barbara Lewis/Barb Gleason – Barbara reported that she received 108 placemats tonight, as well as 24 previously. She thanked everyone for their efforts. She requested that members take kits for NICU quilts, receiving blankets, etc. These can be worked on over the winter.

Nancy Williams delivered 10 fidget quilts to the Lutheran Home. Carol delivered 15 to Neshaminy Manor.

On Philanthropy sew day next Thursday, we will be tying quilts with the Mennonite ladies. They will bring quilts and frames. If you have any unneeded sheets, please bring them. They can be any color except white and must be clean and unstained. If you are interested in coming, please contact Barb Gleason. Carol read a thank-you letter from Neshaminy Manor, thanking us for our donations.

Sunshine – Dee Carr – Dee has not heard of anyone that needs a card. Website – Marilyn Malik – Marilyn has been very busy putting Philanthropy and "How to Make

Stuff" on the website. Also, there is a quick guide at the top of the calendar page which lists upcoming events/activities.

Publicity/Crafts – Liz Watson – There will be a sit and sew on November 13th. We will be making rope bowls, project bags and a boxy zippered bag. There are sign-up sheets in the back.

Carol spoke about the following upcoming events:

Saturday, November 15 – Moda Blockheads on Zoom

Saturday, November 15 – Quilts for Kids Open House

Thursday, November 20 –

Philanthropy Tying Quilts

Saturday, November 22 – Paper Piecing with Sue Edelman

Saturday, December 13 – Pat Clayton – Chubby Charmer Bags

Joyce said that we have collected 19 gift cards and \$130.

There will be no Show and Tell at the December meeting and it will not be on Zoom.

Barbara Lewis thanked everyone for making deliveries and helping out. Kit Holmes said that this would be her last meeting as her husband has asked her to sacrifice one of her activities. Carol said that she could join on Zoom since her dues have been paid for this year.

Quilt Show – Marilyn Lopez/Marilyn Malik – "M&M" thanked everyone for their donations for the boutique and expressed a special thank you to Bonnie Rice and Lois Moore for their amazing donations.

Help is needed for folding and pricing fabric. Please contact Janet Liples if you can help. Janet will provide you with dates and times.

Please pick up your raffle tickets if you have not already done so. If possible, please return your ticket money at the December meeting.

Barb Sarafinas spoke about registering quilts to be displayed in the show. Last time we had about 90 quilts on display. Barb distributed forms for registering quilts. You can fill out as many as you wish but please designate a primary quilt as she can't guarantee how many quilts each can have included. We will display as many as possible.

Suzette Trucksess said that she and Joyce will be working on the consignment shop. They will take anything sewing related, such as sewing machines, chairs, accessories. She has forms for submitting items. For any item over \$50 you should put whether that price is firm or negotiable and put the minimum amount that would be acceptable. The guild will take 10% of the sale price. Sue Clark will be in charge of signing up volunteers. She will have sign-up sheets available at the December meeting. There will be teams of people to hang quilts and take them down.

Eileen Witowski showed some minis to give members ideas. We will do early ticket sales for guild members.

Marilyn Malik said there are also examples of minis on the website. There will be room for 80 minis at the show.

Old Business:

Carol spoke about the plan for exiting in case of a fire or other emergency. The Pastor told her that there is emergency lighting that comes on. Carol will also obtain three flashlights and pointed out which exits we would use. We will meet outside in the parking lot ten feet from the building.

Also, the membership committee will take with them the meeting attendance form so that we can check to make sure everyone is out of the building.

Show and Tell –Three members showed quilts.

Drawings – Fat Quarters: Bonnie Rice  
Next month's color will be White on White.

Gift Cards: Joyce Helstrom – Byrnes  
Bonnie Kane – Stitch Central

The meeting was adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Vickie Detwiler, Secretary

## **GUILD HAPPENINGS**

### **Programs and Activities**

#### Upcoming Guild Programs

December: Holiday Party, Block Exchange,

“Every Day is a Holiday” Quilt Contest

January: Kate Collieran, “Journey of a Quilt Pattern Designer” (Zoom)

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

February: Karen Eckmeier, The Quilter Lizard

[www.quilted-lizard.com](http://www.quilted-lizard.com) (Zoom)

March: Quilt Show prep

April: Eliza Hardy Jones “Song Quilts” [elizahardyjones.com](http://elizahardyjones.com)

May: Members' Showcase

June: Ice Cream Social

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### **Philanthropy**

As I write this it's almost Thanksgiving. I have a great deal to be thankful for, but I would be remiss if I didn't mention all of the wonderful ladies who make things for philanthropy. Barbara and I are very grateful. Thank you for all the placemats ! I was able to meet the needs of all our Meals on Wheels groups. Special thanks to Joanne, Rose, Margaret Bev, Eileen, Liz, Nancy W, and Suzie for coming out to tie quilts for the Mennonite sisters' outreach programs.

We will not be having charity sew day in December because its a week before Christmas. Please continue to make NICU quilts, place mats, receiving blankets , pillow cases, dog beds and fidgets at home during the winter months. We will have kits to take home at the December meeting. We do hope to have charity sew day in January.

Thanks for all you do to make our community a happier place.

Barb Gleason and Barbara Lewis - Philanthropy Chairs

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### **Challenge Quilt**

Remember to bring your projects for the "Everyday is a Holiday Challenge" to the Meeting in December. Please bring your project in a pillowcase with the description page pinned to the pillowcase. If you have any questions prior to the meeting please contact Ellen Cicak or Kathy Webb.

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## Website

[countylinequilters.org](http://countylinequilters.org) The website has a new page titled "How to Make Stuff". It is currently listing directions or links for the following items:

Iron Caddy Tote	Circular Jewelry Case	Tissue Holder (
Snappy Eye Glass	Zippered Mini	Curved)
Case	Cosmetic Case	Fabric Journal Cover
Casserole Cozy	Adding Sleeve to Quilt	Project Bags
Quilted Scissor Holder	Back	
Roll Up Pouch		

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## Events

Upcoming dates for December – February

We're gearing up for some fun events and workshops, based on your Survey feedback and enthusiasm in current programs. Thanks for joining us and adding to the fun!

- Monday, December 1, 6:30 – 10: Holiday Dinner at Plumsteadville Inn
  - Saturday, December 13, 10am - 4pm : Chubby Charmer Class
  - Saturday, December 20, 10am – 11am: Moda Blockheads Zoom meeting
  - Saturday, January, 17, 10am – 3pm Open Zoom Sit & Sew UFO's- sew in the comfort of your home, chat, work on anything and Show & Tell.
  - \*\*Tentative \*\*Tuesday, February 11:30, Valentine's Potluck at the Church.  
\*\*Date needs to be confirmed.
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## Guild Email Blasts

Members, when responding to an email blast, please send your response to the correct person, not to the mugsie1 address. I'm just the person sending out the communication, not the person you should be answering. I try to include the name, email address, phone number and any information that is needed.  
Thanks, Jeanne Malone

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## Giant Gift Cards

Ten dollar Giant Gift Cards will be available for purchase at our general meeting. The cards are distributed to those in need by the Bucks County Opportunity Council. Please see Joyce Helstrom or Ellen Cicak to buy one or more. Your generosity makes a difference!

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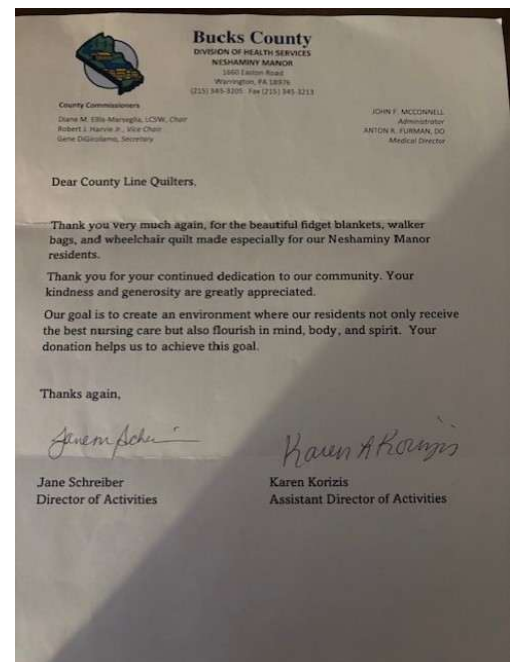
## From Nancy Williams

Looking for someone who can work with silk fabric to make pillowcases. I have a friend who would like them made. She will pay. Please contact Nancy Williams if interested.

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## From Neshaminy Manor

Neshaminy Manor thanks the guild for the 15 fidget quilts, 2 walker bags and 1 wheel chair quilt that we donated.



## **2026 QUILT SHOW COMMITTEES FOR APRIL 24-26, 2026**

Chairs	Marilyn Lopez
	Marilyn Malik
Boutique	Roseanna Wirth
	Janet Liples
	Pat Piasecki
Consignment	Suzette Trucksess
Craft Table	Liz Watson
	Joanne D'Allura
Decorations	Barb Gleason
Door Prizes	Barbara Lewis
	Vickie Detweiler
Food/Kitchen	Stella Bredin
	Denise Beck
Front Desk	Emily Kane

Layout/Set Up	Barb Miller
	Gina Gempesaw
	Bonnie Kane
Mini-Quilts	Eileen Witkowski
	Anita Lehman
Publicity	Bonnie Kane
Raffle Tix	Dee Carr
	Mary Finley
	Mary Beth Hoff
Registration	Barb Serafinas
Volunteers	Sue Clark
Raffle Quilt	Ellen Cicak
	Kathy Webb
Vendors	Joyce Helstrom

## **QUILT SHOW GOINGS ON**

**Remember to Everyone to mark your calendars April 24-26, 2026. We will need EVERY member's help to make this a success so we can continue our Philanthropy projects and have such inspiring speakers going forward. 🥰**

### **Kitchen~**

We are planning for some delicious food and treats for our upcoming quilt show. To that end, we are asking members to donate one dessert each. Desserts that can be individually wrapped such as cookies and brownies work best. More details to follow as we get closer to the event.  
Stella Bredin and Denise Beck, Food Co-Chairs

### **Boutique~**

We continue with fabric & notions donations. Thank you to all who have been so generous with your contributions of fabric & time assisting . When donating,



please measure, fold & staple the price and yardage to the lower edge. Folding instructions are on the CLQ website ( [countylinequilters.org](http://countylinequilters.org) > scroll down Philanthropy page). Fabric should be in one quarter yard increments ( 1/4 - 1/2 - 3/4- 1 yd, etc) Pricing is \$4 / yd. Please contact Roseanna Wlrth or Janet Liples for any questions.

## **Crafts**

Upcoming dates:

· Friday, January 9th 10am - 3pm ZOOM Sit & Sew Craft Open House – work on your Crafts projects, ask questions, show off your progress!

Items needed: (most instructions can be found on the CLQ website, under “How to make Stuff” link.; or contact Liz and Joanne):

- o Eyeglass cases (reg & sports fabric)
- o Small thread catchers
- o Scissor cases
- o Lavender sachets
- o Placemats – unique
- o Potholders – unique round, heart shaped, etc
- o Oven mitts
- o Larger bowl cozies
- o Dinner Plate cozies
- o Casserole Cozies
- o Key fobs (Hardware available at December meeting)
- o Needle books
- o Small lemon peel zipper bags
- o Pencil holder (foldover bag, etc)
- o Roll-up knitting needle/crochet hook, brush holder
- o RFID wallets (Blocking fabric available at December meeting)
- o Folding grocery bags
- o Lap quilts
- o Baby quilts
- o Walker bags
- o Fabric covered journals
- o Vinyl project bags (vinyl and stabilizer available at December meeting)
- o Iron caddies (Special lining fabric available at December meeting)
- o Doggie Bandannas (sports or regular fabric)
- o Fabric covered journals (books available at December meeting)

We'd like to thank everyone for the Craft donations thus far! Please feel free to bring yours to the December 8th meeting.

We'll also be selling some Christmas related items that remain from the 2024 show at meeting.

NOTE: Donations have included quite an abundance of boxy zipper bags, table runners, wine totes, coasters, small bowl cozies, drink cozies, shoulder bags, canvas tote bags, kids' reading pillows, bookmarks, hair scrunchies, Tea/credit card wallets, and pincushions. Please- unless already completed, signed up or we've recently spoken about any of these specifically – kindly don't make more of these items at this time!

Also, please no Christmas/Hanukkah or Easter fabrics.

Red/White/Blue colors for Memorial Day, July 4th, Mother's Day are all appropriate!

### **Mini Quilts~**

Eileen Witkowski & Anita Lehman would love have your Mini Creations donations! The perimeter should be 80 inches or less, the shape can be square, rectangular, circular or anything inbetween, and there should be a sleeve at the top of the back (directions on website) and please put your name or label on the back. Let's see your talents with a Mini (or two or three). The person who makes the most desired Mini, will win a prize.

### **Raffle tickets~**

Please return your raffle ticket monies and stubs to Dee Carr, Mary Finley or Mary Beth Hoff. We hope to have this completed by the end of the year at the latest. It's still just 1 ticket for \$1 or 6 tickets for \$5 for a chance to win our beautiful Raffle Quilt.

### **Vendors & consignment ~**

The forms for the consignment shop are ready. I will have them at the Holiday Dinner and at the December Guild meeting. It would be very helpful if the completed forms could be returned to Suzette Trucksess ASAP. This will help with space planning and determining if we should open it up to allow former Guild members to sell items. You can return them to me by USPS, scan and email, or take a picture and send by text. My contact info is included in the member contact list. Joyce will have the tags at the December meeting. All items must contain a tag with your number and the asking price. The tags will be used to calculate the money you have made. Remember, the selling price will be split 90% to you and 10% as a donation to the Guild. All unsold items must be picked up at the end of the show. Feel free to reach out to me if you have any questions. Suzette Trucksess

### **Crafts~**

Liz Watson & Joanne D'Allura have organized demonstrations & Craft Instruction classes. There may be a zoom demo in January ( more to come ).

If you have barn ladders or coat poles to borrow for the show dates, please let them know. This will help display the craft items but not just laying on tables.

### **Quilt Registration~**

Calling all quilts! It's time to register quilts for display in our April show!

Registration forms will be available at our December meeting (form is also on website). Fill out one form for each quilt you wish to display in our show. Return the form to Barb Sarafinas (contact info on bottom of form). Your first choice ("primary quilt") will certainly be hung/displayed. If you think you'd like to have a second (or maybe even a third) quilt in the show, please fill out a registration form now. (see attached below). We cannot guarantee that all second/third choices can be hung, but we will do our best to fit in what we can. Any questions, contact Barb Sarafinas.

### **Volunteers~**

We need you. We need you ALL. Sue Clark will have sign up sheets for time slots for volunteers needed. Although it will be busy, it is a lot of fun and you'll make some good memories with your quilting buddies. Plus, you'll have first dibs to purchase items!

The sign up sheets for Volunteer opportunities will be available at our December meeting.

Although April seems so far away, it will be here before we know it.

Please consider signing up to help this year at our Quilt Show!

On Friday specifically, we are looking for help to move our quilts from holding room to hanging poles.

Other opportunities include

Kitchen

Front Desk

Mini's

Crafts,

Raffle Quilt

Door Prizes

Any questions please call Sue Clark 215-791-2210

Thank You!

## 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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## **NOTES FROM OUR COMMUNITY**

Hi Barb...and the County Line Quilters,

I wanted to say thank you for the 70 beautiful placemats you donated to the seniors.

They are always appreciated and enjoyed by all!

You all are the best!

Thanks again,

Trish



### **Trisha Vogel**

Ambler Meals on Wheels Coordinator | Montco SAAC

Pronouns: she, her, hers

Hi Barbara,

Thank you so much for the wonderful fidget blankets. You folks did a fantastic job. We really appreciate the work you did – I know it takes a lot of time and effort. They will be put to good use and please know that they really help our residents.

Thanks again,

*Jane Schreiber*

Director of Recreation

Neshaminy Manor

215-345-3858