

County Line Quilters News

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Dear Ladies and Jacob,

Winter is here! Hopefully you have not lost your electricity during our recent storms and were able to enjoy some sewing time by creating something for yourself, finishing your show quilt with sleeve, a craft item, mini, or something for philanthropy. Speaking of the quilt show, it is time to decide which quilt or quilts you would like to display at the show. It was wonderful to see the beautiful array of styles, types, and colors, whether be a traditional, sampler, row by row, modern, art, abstract, T-shirt, paper pieced, applique, wall, bed or lap. I was in awe to see such a wide diversity that was inspiring not only to me, but many of our visitors, too. Please send your registration form to Barb Sarafinas.

There is still time to make a craft item or more for the show. Some that are needed are: scissors holders, iron caddies, and casserole cozies. Look on the website for directions under "How to Make Stuff." Contact Liz Watson or Joanne D'Allura for more information.

Another project for the show is the mini quilt that measures no more than 80" around the perimeter. Contact Eileen Witkowski or Anita Lehman for more information.

If you have reorganizing after the holidays, any extra fabric or notions can be donated to our show Boutique. Save any books, magazine, or patterns for the day before the show. Please contact either Rosanna Wirth or Janet Liples and they will arrange a pickup.

Also, while organizing, look for anything you may want to resell at our consignment shop at the show. Items must be registered ahead of time by contacting Suzette Trucksess or Joyce Heltrom.

Philanthropy day will be held in person at the church on the third Thursday of the month- January 19 from 10AM-2PM. You can drop off any finished project or

pick up a new one. Bring your machine and sewing supplies with lunch. Barbara and Barb will direct us to complete items for philanthropy.

Dee Carr is heading the committee for nomination of next year's officers, those include- President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer. If you are interested in becoming more involved or know of someone, please contact Dee.

The events committee has been busy. There will be a potluck Luncheon in person at the church on Tuesday February 10. Contact Joanne D'Allura or Marilyn Lopez to sign up. There will be another MODA BOM Blockhead group starting the third Saturday of the month - Saturday, February 21. Marilyn or Joanne will send participants a MODA block to do in any color way they choose, a month later we share our finished, semi-finished, or no product and enjoy the trials and tribulations of the block. It is so interesting to see the block look so differently with the light and dark colors in different positions. Please contact Marilyn and Joanne so they can send out the block to you.

I am looking forward to seeing all you on Zoom, Monday, February 9th at 7PM. Our guest speaker is Karen Eckmeier, the Quilted Lizard. Karen grew up near by and went to Council Rock. She now lives in Connecticut. Many of you may have seen her at Byrnes Bees years ago. I am looking forward to her presentation and to get inspired. Thank you to our vice presidents, Stella and Denise for our very enjoyable January speaker, Kate Colleran.

There are numerous opportunities in the next month, I hope you can participate. Come join the fun!

Tuesday, February 10 11AM- 3PM – Valentine's Potluck

Thursday, February 19 10- 2 Philanthropy Day at church, bring sewing supplies and lunch

Saturday, February 21- MODA blockheads on Zoom 10AM

April 24,25,26- Quilt Show

Take time and enjoy sewing your projects as we spend more time indoors.

Carol

"Two quilters who have just met will be strangers only until their mutual passion for quilting is revealed. Then they can talk for hours like the best of friends."

Jennifer Chiaverini

COUNTY LINE QUILTERS GENERAL MEETING MINUTES 1-12-2026



Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order by President Carol Cotter at 7:00 p.m. The meeting was held on Zoom.

Carol said that Philanthropy Sew Day will be this Thursday, January 15th.

Stella Bredin introduced the speaker for the evening, Kate Colleran. Kate's lecture was "Journey of a Quilt Pattern Designer."

Carol thanked everyone for making our December meeting a success. She thanked Denise and Stella for organizing the food, games and activities; Ellen and Kathy for the Challenge project; Marilyn and Joanne for organizing the Ohio Star; and a lot of other people behind the scenes. She also thanked Lynn Holtzman for volunteering to act as Treasurer until June.

Vice Presidents – Denise Beck/Stella Bredin – The speaker next month will be Karen Eckmeier, whose lecture will be "Oops! My Edges are Showing". Speakers are booked through the end of the year.

Secretary – Vickie Detwiler – A Motion was made by Denise Beck and seconded by Marilyn

Malik to accept the Minutes of the December 8, 2025 meeting. The Motion passed.

Treasurer – Lynn Holtzman – A Motion to accept was made by Suzie Sergeant and seconded by Liz Watson to accept the Treasurer's Report. The Motion passed.

Blast – Carol said that the deadline for the Blast is February 4th.

Events – Joyce Helstrom – A Zoom Sit & Sew will be held on January 27th from 10:00 to 3:00. A Valentine's Potluck will be held in person on February 10th from 10:00 to 3:00. Joyce said that several people asked if we could do the Chubby Charmer workshop again. Pat Clayton is able to do this in May. We would need at least nine people to sign up. The cost would be \$20 and you must buy your own pattern. Also, please let Joyce know if you are interested in either a Landscape class or a Jacket class. Joanne said that we will be starting another round of Moda Blockheads, probably in about a week and a half. Please let her know if you are interested in participating. It will be held on Saturday mornings from 10:00 to 11:00 on Zoom.

Joanne also said that she and Marilyn are investigating a sleep-at-your-own-home retreat.

Historian/Ambassador – Nancy Williams – We did not have enough people to order last year's yearbook. Nancy mailed back checks to the three people who had ordered them.

Membership – Helen Haun/Lois Moore – There were 53 members in attendance at this meeting. Lois received a text from Pat Kohne, who just came out of the hospital, where she was treated for pneumonia.

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

Ellen said that Kathy Webb was discharged from the hospital today. She had brain surgery to remove a benign tumor on the auditory nerve and facial nerve. Although the surgery was more challenging than anticipated and the recovery will be longer, it looks like recovery should be complete. It could be weeks to months until she is back to herself; however, she is in good spirits.

Facebook – Kathy Acker – Kathy has been compiling some posts that she will be doing. She asked for pictures of some of the crafts that we will be selling at the quilt show. Joanne said that she would get some pictures together for her.

Philanthropy – Barbara Lewis/Barb Gleason – Sew Day will be this Thursday, January 15th. We will be making pillowcases for Beds for Kids.

Carol mentioned that we received thank you notes from the Lutheran Home for the fidget quilts, and from the Bucks and Montgomery food pantries.

Sunshine – Dee Carr – Dee will send cards to Pat Kohne and Kathy Webb.

Website – Marilyn Malik – No report. Noted that the website is a good resource for upcoming events.

Technology – No report.

Quilt Show – Marilyn Lopez/Marilyn Malik – Marilyn Lopez said that they are still collecting things for the boutique. Please contact either Rosanna, Janet, Marilyn Lopez or Marilyn Malik. They can pick up items if necessary. Also, please keep making minis and register the quilts that you want to enter in the show. An e-mail was sent out for several meetings to be held regarding the quilt show.

Liz said that a Zoom craft Sit & Sew was held this previous Friday. Although it was sparsely attended, it went very well. We will have another one but don't have a date yet. There are quite a few items that we need and some that we have enough of. There are enough table runners and tissue holders. We need scissor holders, iron caddies and square or round table toppers.

Liz said that she was thankful for all of Joanne's help. It is really too much work for one person.

Marilyn Lopez said that if anyone is interested in fabric folding, please email Janet Liples.

Barb Sarafinas said that so far fifteen quilts have been entered but we need a lot more!

Liz said that she and Suzette will take care of consignments. It may be opened to past members, possibly by the end of next month.

Drawings – Eileen Witowski –
Gift Cards: Vickie Detwiler – Byrnes
Margaret Wheaton – Stitch Central
Block Magazine: Anita Lehman
Eileen said that she would be away for the next two weeks but she would mail out the gift cards upon her return. She will give the magazine to Anita in March.

Nominations – Dee Carr – Dee will be heading up the Nominations Committee for officers for next year. Please email or text her if you have a nomination. If you would like to run, please let her know.

New Business – Denise spoke about a hotel retreat that she had been on at the Holiday Inn in Williamsport. There is another one coming up on March 6 – 9. The cost was \$250. You are responsible for your hotel room and meals (breakfast is included.) The hotel room is \$117 per night plus tax for a single room. This will be a UFO retreat. You get an 8-foot table to work on. Fourteen people attended the retreat. Denise will be attending again in March.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Vickie Detwiler, Secretary

GUILD HAPPENINGS

Programs and Activities

February: Karen Eckmeier, The Quilted Lizard

www.quilted-lizard.com (Zoom)

March: Quilt Show prep

April: Eliza Hardy Jones "Song Quilts" elizahardyjones.com

May: Members' Showcase

June: Ice Cream Social

Philanthropy

Thank you to Bev, Valerie, Carol, Liz, Denise, and Lynn for coming out in the cold to make pillow cases. We got a lot accomplished! Our next charity sew day is the third Thursday, February 19 from 10 to 2. We will be working on craft items for the quilt show as well as more pillow cases. This should be a really fun day!

We hope you are continuing to make place mats for a May/June delivery. As I write this we are supposed to have a huge snow storm. I hope you have time to work on other philanthropy items. When in doubt check the web site.

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

Barb Gleason and Barbara Lewis - Philanthropy Chairs

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!

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

Circle the dates!! Make sure you have your calendar marked for April 24-26 for our CLQ Quilt Show!

We need EVERY guild member to contact Sue Clark to volunteer to help out!!

The show committees have been working hard together to make this years quilt show a great success so that we can continue to have inspiring educational speakers and events.

~REGISTRATION : It is important that you get your quilt(s) registered soon as the cut off is the March 9th general guild meeting. If you are placing Moda Blockhead projects, you will also need to register them. If you need more forms, you can go to the 2026 Quilt Show page on our website or email Barb Sarafinas. Show off your talent! Let's see what you've got!!

~BOUTIQUE: Rosanna Wirth & Janet Liples are collecting fabric & notions for the boutique area. We've got a huge variety and some beautiful fabrics/items donated. Thank you to all those donating and organizing! Even though we don't meet in person until March, please continue to donate by letting Rosanna & Janet know so they can arrange collections.

~CONSIGNMENT: Quilts - machines - collections - Projects you never started - Please let Suzette Trucksess know what you have for consignment. This is a great opportunity for members to make money and purge a little at the same time. 90% for the seller and 10% for the guild. Hurray... don't delay much longer. Items should not compete with boutique or crafts.

~CRAFTS: Liz Watson & Joanne D'Allura are collecting your crafty work! They are still in need of Kleenex holders, vinyl project bags, roll up cases, small thread cutters, larger bowl/plate cozies, casserole cozies, placemat sets, lap quilts, baby quilts, table toppers and RFID credit card holders.

~FOOD: Stella Bredin & Denise Beck are back in charge of the yummy goodies for the kitchen. They are looking for donations of cookies & brownies to sell to our customers.

~MINI-QUILTS: Eileen Witowski & Anita Lehman are appreciating the lovely Mini-Quilts being donated for raffle! So much talent in those little quilts!

The size should be no larger than 80 inches total perimeter (ie 20 x 20 or 10 x 30 etc) in any shape - circular, square, rectangle etc. Please put your name or a label on the back along with a sleeve at the top.

~RAFFLES: In addition to our beautiful Raffle Quilt designed by Ellen Cicak & Kathy Webb, there will be at least a second place quilt by Susan Albaugh. These are truly works of art!!!! So far, we have one sewing machine for raffle and possibly a second one.

QUILT REGISTRATION

Whether you are a beginning quilt maker or a well-seasoned piecer, **WE WANT TO DISPLAY YOUR WORK** at our April show! **So far, we only have about 20 quilts registered**, and that's **not nearly enough!** So, look through all your creations and register your quilt(s) today. The form can be found on the website and must be returned by our March meeting. Keep in mind that we love to display quilts of all sizes. Your quilt does not have to be bed-sized. You may have several table toppers or runners that we could include. Maybe you have a coordinated set of runners, or a collection from different seasons. Perhaps you have baby quilts or lap quilts that you'd like to include. We can group small quilts together.

Note: *Your quilt(s) should not have hung in any of County Line's previous shows. Feel free to reach out to Barb Sarafinas with any questions/concerns: bsarafinas@verizon.net or cell/text 215-896-4791*

ATTENTION MODA BLOCKHEADS participants! Our upcoming quilt show will feature a special display area just for Moda Blockhead creations! Whether you've turned your blocks into a quilt, table runner, jacket, bag or any other project, we want to highlight your project(s) in our show. Please submit a registration form for each completed project, so that we can print a "quilt tag" for it and plan for display space. On the form, check the box that says, "I'd also like to register this quilt, if there's room." We will make room for all the Blockhead projects! You can leave blank those sections of the form that don't seem to apply, but under **Quilt Category** be sure to indicate that it is a **Moda Blockhead project**, and on the **Other** line, tell us what your project is.

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



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

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

Pat Kohne - 2/12
Alicia Wydro - 2/26

Nancy Phillips - 2/28
Janet Liples - 2/29

TREASURER'S REPORT – FEBRUARY 2025

DATE	CHECK #	CHECK #	PAYABLE TO	REASON	CHECK AMOUNT	DEPOSIT AMOUNT	BALANCE
11/12/25			BEGINNING	BALANCE			\$ 18,776.18
11/24/26			deposit	Membership		\$ 70.00	\$ 18,846.18
11/25/25	electronic		US Liability Ins	Annual Insurance	\$ (395.00)		\$ 18,451.18
12/08/25		1968	Doylestown Mennonite Church	Building usage	\$ (200.00)		\$ 18,251.18
12/08/25	1916		N.Williams	Yearbook	\$ (88.43)		\$ 18,162.75
12/10/25		1969	MontCo Anti-Hunger Network	Donation	\$ (100.00)		\$ 18,062.75
12/12/25			deposit	Raffle Quilt Tickets		\$ 595.00	\$ 18,657.75
12/16/25		1970	S. Bredin	Holiday Party Supplies	\$ (144.54)		\$ 18,513.21
12/20/25		1971	USPS	Annual PO Box	\$ (234.00)		\$ 18,279.21
			ENDING	BALANCE			\$ 18,279.21
			Report as prepared by K. Webb				
			Treasurer duties transferred to L. Holtzman 01/06/26				
DATE	CHECK #	CHECK #	PAYABLE TO	REASON	CHECK AMOUNT	DEPOSIT AMOUNT	BALANCE
12/20/25			BEGINNING	BALANCE			\$ 18,279.21
01/06/26	electronic		deduction	order checks	\$ (36.95)		\$ 18,242.26
01/08/26	1917		M. Malik	Annual GoDaddy website	\$ (292.44)		\$ 17,949.82
01/12/26	1918		Kate Colleran Designs LLC	Speaker-Jan 2026	\$ (450.00)		\$ 17,499.82
			ENDING	BALANCE			\$ 17,499.82
			PREPARED BY: Lynn Holtzman Interim-Treasurer 1/20/2026				

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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



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