



County Line
Quilters **News**

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Dear Ladies and Jacob,

I hope you were able to sew some while hunkered down in February during our cold and snowy days. It was great to see so many of you at the Valentine luncheon held at the church and the combined philanthropy/craft day! A big thank you to Marilyn Lopez, Joanne D'Allura, Liz Watson, Barbara Lewis, and Barb Gleason for making this possible!

We are always striving to improve our organization. At our February meeting we started two initiatives – “Sew Sisters” and “Getting to Know You.” Nancy Williams, as ambassador will head the Sew Sisters under the membership committee. The objective is to welcome new people and help them navigate the meeting and the many opportunities we offer. You would take them under your wing for a couple of months– sit next to them during the meeting, answer questions, explain opportunities, contact them, introduce them to other members, or invite them to something you are attending. If you are interested in this, please contact Nancy Williams.

In January the Herald featured an article about our own, Rose D'Alisa. Stella saw it and we had Jeanne send it in a special blast. Members were delighted to read about Rose and thought it would be wonderful to learn more about our members and the “Getting to Know You” segment of the newsletter was born. We made up a questionnaire as a springboard to generate information. Last month I asked if there was a member willing to take on this task – contact members, send questionnaire, and write up a brief bio for the newsletter. Rose D'Alisa has graciously offered to head this initiative. If you are contacted by Rose, please help us get to know you. With so many members we may get short spurts of time and conversations with each other, but this an opportunity to learn more.

Elections for the offices of President, Vice Presidents, Treasurer, and Secretary for the 2026 to 2028 years is upon us. If you are or know of someone is interested in running for any of these positions, please contact Dee Carr.

Our March meeting is in person at the church. There will be no Zoom since we are prepping for the quilt show. If there happens to be inclement weather the day/night of the show, a blast will be sent out that our meeting will be postponed to the next Monday, March 16. Hopefully this will not occur.

March meeting is the last chance to sign up your quilt. Please send or give your completed form to Barb Sarafinas.

If you have fabric or notions for the boutique, bring them for Janet Liples and Rosanna Wirth. Keep patterns, magazines, and books until Friday, April 24th. Contact Suzette Trucksess if you want to sell anything at the quilt show's consignment shop. Remember to bring in any completed mini quilts and give to Eileen Witkowski and Anita Lehman.

Dee Carr, MaryBeth Hoff, and Mary Finley will be collecting envelopes with money and stubs from your Starlight, Starbright quilt ticket sales.

Please bring in money to our March meeting!

Raffle tickets for the minis will be on pre-show discount sale- \$1 for 3 tickets, \$5-18 tickets, \$10- 50 tickets
Some crafts will be on sale.
Some fat quarters will be on sale.

Bring your two blue fat quarters for the March drawing.
There are numerous opportunities in the next month, I hope you can participate.

Come join the fun!

Wednesday March 4- Blast information to Jeanne

3rd Thursday, March 19 10- 2 Philanthropy Day at church, bring sewing supplies and lunch

3rd Saturday, March 21- MODA blockheads on Zoom 10AM, never too late to join, contact Marilyn Lopez or Joanne D'Allura

Wednesday, March 25- Newsletter information to Jacob Kane

April 24,25,26-Starlight, Starbright Quilt Show -All hands on deck!!!

Saturday, May 30- Chubby Charmer Bag- see Joyce Helstrom \$20 class fee to sign up (buy your own pattern and charm packs)

Looking forward to longer sunlight and our Starlight, Starbright Quilt Show!
Carol

"To me, the beauty of a quilt or dress lies within the stitches and the thought of the person who made them. When you spend time making something with your two hands, you impart love in a way that buying never can." Natalie

COUNTY LINE QUILTERS GENERAL MEETING MINUTES 2-9-2026



Meeting Minutes

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

Zoom.

Carol Cotter welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Stella Bredin introduced the speaker for the evening, Karen Eckmeier, the "Quilted Lizard." Karen's presentation was "Oops, My Edges are Showing."

Carol said that we are always looking for ways to improve the Guild and help people get to know each other better. At the Executive Board meeting, we came up with the concept of "Sew Sisters."

Also, we would like to highlight people in the newsletter so that we can get to know people better.

Stella made a questionnaire that we can use as a starting point. We are looking for one or two people to handle this. If anyone is interested, please let Carol, Stella or Denise know.

Vice Presidents – Denise Beck/Stella Bredin – At the March meeting, we will have quilt show prep. There will be no speaker.

In April we will have Eliza Hardy Jones; May will be the member showcase; and June will be the ice cream social.

Secretary – Vickie Detwiler – A Motion was made by Suzie Sergeant and seconded by Lois Moore to accept the Minutes of the January 12, 2026 meeting. The Motion passed.

Treasurer – Lynn Holtzman – A Motion was made by Bonnie Kane and seconded by Denise Beck to accept the Treasurer's Report. The Motion passed.

Communications – Jeanne Malone – The Blast deadline is March 4th.

Events – Joyce Helstrom – In Joyce's absence, Carol said that on May 30th Pat Clayton will be doing the Chubby Charmer workshop again. The cost will be \$20. If you are interested, please contact Pat by text.

Joanne spoke about upcoming events, as follows:

- February 10 – Valentine Potluck from 11:00 – 3:00
- February 21 – Moda Blockheads from 10:00 – 11:00

Also, they are working on the following:

- A sleep-at-home retreat, maybe in the Spring.
- A day trip to Lancaster.
- A trip to the Airing of the Quilts, possibly for next year since this year it will be on the weekend following the quilt show.
- They would like a count of how many people would like to do a class with RazBeca. It would be about \$90, which includes the class, pattern and fabric, and we must

pay for her travel. The final cost would depend on how many people there are in the class. We are looking for 20 – 25 people before we contact her.

Historian/Ambassador – Nancy Williams – Information was sent out in the Blast regarding Sew Sisters. It is like a mentoring system for new members. Please send Nancy an email if you are interested in becoming a Sew Sister. She will coordinate this with Lois.

Membership – Helen Haun/Lois Moore – No report.

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

Philanthropy – Barbara Lewis/Barb Gleason – Sew Day will be February 19th and will be a combination of Crafts and Philanthropy. If you don't want to do a Craft item, there will be pillowcases to sew for Beds for Kids.

Carol read a letter from Neshaminy Manor thanking the Guild for our donation of Christmas trees.

Publicity/Crafts – Liz Watson – No report.

Website – Marilyn Malik – Marilyn moved the Quilt Show 2026 page up higher on the website for more visibility. Carol pointed out that craft directions are on the "How to Make Stuff" page.

Quilt Show – Marilyn Lopez/Marilyn Malik – Marilyn M. said that we seem to be right on track for the quilt show. She thanked everyone for the big things and the little things that they have been doing. She hopes that everyone has volunteered to help on the days of the

show. Please contact Sue Clark if you would like to sign up to volunteer. If you volunteer on Friday to set up, you will get first dibs to buy items from the boutique. Denise asked if this includes crafts. Marilyn said they will figure this out with Liz. Shopping bags with handles are needed for the show, as well as extra hangers such as skirt or pants hangers.

In the newsletter there was a list of items that we still need for crafts; however, Joanne noted that we do not need more tissue holders.

Marilyn M. said that local guilds have been contacted as well as newspapers to advertise for the show. In March we will have fliers for members to take to post in local establishments, as well as to share with other guilds.

Stella and Denise are looking for individually wrapped baked goods for the show. Please note if there are nuts in them. Stella will be making soup and has requested several extra-large plastic containers.

Quilts must be registered by the March meeting.

We also need more mini quilts for the show as we only have about 15 so far and are hoping for about 80. The mini quilts should be labeled on the back and have a hanging sleeve. At next month's meeting we will have pre-show raffle tickets for the minis. The price will be three tickets for \$1.00, 18 for \$5. Or 50 for \$10. Please bring your money or your checkbooks.

Suzette said that she has eight minis that she was going to sell but she would be happy to donate them.

Marilyn M. said that the quilts should be brought in on the Friday of the quilt show and should be in a pillowcase.

There will be several vendors at the show including Gretchen Gibbons who will have a wool booth; Rosanna worth's sister will have a soap booth; and we are hoping to have someone with a knife and scissor sharpening truck outside.

Sylvia O'Neill has a friend who died before Christmas. Her family is donating a new embroidery machine to the guild. She is hoping to be able to get it in time for the show. Marilyn M. said that we could either raffle it off or put it in the consignment area, with the proceeds going to the Guild.

Barb Sarafinas said that if anyone has table runners or mini quilts they could also be entered to be displayed in the show.

Drawings – Gift Cards: Joyce Overberger – Stitch Central
Merrie Keller – Byrnes

New Business – Barbara Lewis said that one of the Rowenta irons used for Philanthropy is missing. If anyone knows where it is (maybe it was put away in the wrong spot or was packed up by accident), please let her know as it is really needed for Philanthropy.

Ellen said that Kathy Webb is progressing slowly. She had thought she might be able to attend this meeting but she was too worn out. Her left eyelid won't close so she has to wear a plastic dome-like item over it. She can only see out of one eye so she has no depth perception. This makes her tired. There are two specialists in the area for facial physical therapy, one in Allentown and one in Philadelphia. She feels optimistic. Her recovery is estimated to take about eight months.

Carol said she is looking forward to seeing a lot of us at upcoming events.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:35p.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 everyone who came out on charity sew day to make pillow cases and crafts. We got so much done and we had a wonderful time! I spoke to Beds for Kids and they are almost out of pillow cases, so on our next charity sew day, we'll be making them again. Our next sew day is Thursday, March 19 from 10 to 2. Please bring your machine and lunch. I'll be delivering the pillow cases at the end of the month.

Please continue to make place mats, dog beds, walker bags, baby blankets and NICU quilts. Please bring any items you've completed to our March meeting. Thank you for everything you do to help the people in our community!

Barb Gleason and Barbara Lewis - Philanthropy Chairs

I wanted to fill you in on the wonderful work that Beds for Kids is doing. In 2025 OHAAT (One house at a time) served 3,523 children. It was their biggest year yet. OHAAT is the parent company of Beds for Kids. Our pillow cases and quilts are much appreciated. If you are interested in supporting this fine group they are having a fund raiser at P J Whelihans in Horsham on March 12 from 5 to 11. Mention OHAAT and a percentage of your bill will go to this fine charity. Thank you, Barb Gleason

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!

Membership

CLQ pins are available for purchase at the March meeting.
 Cost is \$5 cash, please.
 Just ask at the membership table when you sign in.



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!! There are shifts that need covering on Friday, Saturday & Sunday. Pick a shift that works for you!

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! The March guild meeting will be selling some Fat Quarters where you'll get first dibs on selections. Just \$1 per Fat Quarter!

~CONSIGNMENT: & VENDORS 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. The Vendors will be Gretchen's Woolies and Stephania's Lush Mountain Lather (Soaps).

~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. The March & April guild meetings will provide you with a GREAT OPPORTUNITY to purchase Pre-Show DISCOUNTED raffle tickets. 3/ \$1, 18 / \$5 and 50/ \$10.

~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 jdalldesigns@gmail.com

Pat Clayton – Pat's Patches and Pattern – custom-made embroidered labels.

(215) 704-1057 | plcqltsew1@gmail.com
