



County Line
Quilters **News**

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Dear Ladies and Jacob,

It is wonderful to see the rebirth of the trees and grass turning spring green. I love having more light, especially when trying to match colors in the natural light in the late afternoon.

All our efforts are coming together for our Starlight, Starbright Quilt Show at the end of the month - April 24, 25, and 26. It was wonderful to see and hear from all the committees last month. They continue to work very diligently to make this an enjoyable and successful experience for all!

Please remember to give your quilt raffle stubs and money/check in the supplied envelop to Dee, Mary Beth, or Mary Finley. Anita and Eileen will take any completed minis at our April meeting. If you have not signed up for volunteering at the show, see Sue Clark. The April meeting is the last chance to buy discounted raffle tickets for the minis. A huge thank you to all committee heads and those donating time, fabric, and completed crafts!

Both Kathy Webb and Ellen Cicak have decided to step back from their jobs. We are extremely grateful for all work and efforts in making our guild better. We are now in need of a Technology person overseeing our Zoom account for guild and other meetings. We also need a person or team to organize and run our Challenge. The Challenge is given in May or June and due at our December meeting. If you are interested, please contact me.

At our May meeting Pat Piasecki is sharing information about Quilts of Valor as a coordinator. In concert with the presentation and the 250th Anniversary of the country, we will have the opportunity to make some blocks on Tuesday, June 9 at the church from 10AM-3PM. We are taking donations of quality red, blue, and white fabric-yardage and fat quarters are welcome for this venture.

If you are interested in being a Sew Sister contact Nancy Williams or me.

Anyone or know of anyone interested in being President, Vice-President, Secretary, or Treasurer, please contact Dee Carr.

Bring your two turquoise fat quarters for the April drawing.

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

Wednesday April 8- Blast information to Jeanne

3rd Thursday, April 16- Philanthropy Day at church, bring sewing supplies and lunch

3rd Saturday, April 18- MODA blockheads on Zoom 10AM, never too late to join, contact Marilyn Lopez or Joanne D'Allura

Saturday, April 25- Newsletter information to Jacob Kane

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

May 12- Wool class making sunflower- \$15, plus the cost of the kit \$25-30, See Joyce Helstrom

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

Quilting is like love... do it with abandon.

COUNTY LINE QUILTERS GENERAL MEETING MINUTES 3-9-2026



Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order by President Carol Cotter at 7:10 p.m. The meeting was held at Doylestown Mennonite

Church, Doylestown, PA.

President Carol Cotter welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Quilt Show – Marilyn Lopez/Marilyn Malik – The quilt show will be decorated in red, silver and blue balloons in celebration of our county's 250th anniversary. Everyone should take some neons to be placed around various locations, as well as fliers with a QR code that takes you to our website.

The prizes for the quilt show raffle are as follows: First Prize – the raffle quilt, which was displayed at the meeting; Second Prize – a quilt which was donated by Sue Albach; Third Prize – a table runner donated by Marilyn Malik.

Marilyn introduced Janet and Rosanna, who are in charge of the Boutique. They thanked everyone for their donations. The donation deadline is March 31st.

Crafts - Liz and Joanne showed some of the items that have been donated for crafts. Also, there will be a Zoom Sit & Sew on April 2nd.

Decorations - Barb Gleason is in charge of decorations.

Door prizes - Barbara Lewis and Vickie Detwiler are handling the door prizes.

Kitchen - Stella spoke about the food that we will have and asked members to donate individual wrapped baked goods.

Minis - Anita and Eileen have about 48 minis but need more.

Publicity - Bonnie had fliers printed. Please take some if you have anywhere you can get them posted. She also ordered lawn signs and advertising for the newspaper.

Raffle tickets - Dee Carr thanked everyone for getting them back to her. Marilyn Lopez stated that Byrne Sewing has donated a sewing machine to be raffled.

Quilt Registration - Barb Sarafinas has said that we have quite a few things other than quilts that have been entered in the show. She explained the procedure for dropping off quilts on the day of setup. Joanne asked if there was a procedure for selling a quilt. It was decided that they could work with consignment on this.

Consignment and Vendors – Joyce and Suzette – Suzette has the forms for consignment if anyone needs one. Please bring consignment items on the Friday of setup. Marilyn showed a brief video of the previous quilt show.

Volunteers – Sue Clark said that a lot of people had signed up tonight but she still has spots for which we need volunteers.

Marilyn demonstrated how to make a quilt sleeve for hanging. She also thanked the past quilt show committees for their hard work and thanked everyone who has helped for this one and made donations.

Vice Presidents – Denise Beck/Stella Bredin – Our speaker for April will be Eliza Hardy Jones. Stella spoke about a retreat she attended and said she has more information if anyone was interested in attending in the future.

Secretary – Vickie Detwiler – A Motion was made by Suzie Sergeant and seconded by Joyce Helstrom to accept the Minutes of the February 2, 2026 meeting. The Motion passed.

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

Blast – The deadline is April 1st.

Events – Joyce Helstrom – There will be a no-sew wool class on May 12th. The cost is \$15 plus cost of kit (\$25-\$30).

Pat Clayton will teach another Chubby Charmer class on May 30th. The cost is \$20, plus cost of pattern and charm packs.

We will be having a Quilts of Valor sew day on June 9th. Pat Piasecki will be handling this and will be quilting the tops. Last year they assembled five quilt tops. Marlene will donate some red, white and blue fabric.

There will be a Zoom UFO Sit & Sew on March 18th.

Moda Blockheads will be on 3/21.

We are also working on a sleep at home retreat, probably for in the Summer, as well as a day trip to Lancaster to visit the quilt shops. We will try to get a bus or large van depending on how many people sign up.

Membership – Helen Haun/Lois Moore – There were 60 members in attendance at this meeting, as well as one guest.

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

Philanthropy – Barbara Lewis/Barb Gleason – Barbara thanked everyone who brought things back today. Marlene made dog beds but they need to be filled so they are available for anyone to take and fill. She also has receiving blankets cut and ready to be sewed. At the March 19th sew day we will be making pillowcases. We also need placemats. She starts delivery in May and we need about 200.

Also, the Baby Bureau could use baby clothes from 0 to size 2, which can be found in thrift shops. They don't need to be new, just no stains.

Sunshine – Dee Carr – Dee said that we have a healthy group of people right now.

Nominations – Dee Carr – We have nominations for President, Secretary and Treasurer, but need Vice Presidents. They are in charge of setting up the programs/speakers. Stella and Denise are willing to help the new people. They already have September and October planned.

Carol spoke about two new initiatives. One is "Sew Sisters", which is being headed up by Nancy Williams. She has

three people interested so far. The other initiative is "Getting to Know You", which will highlight several individuals in the newsletter. Rose D'Alisa is in charge of this. The idea was born when there was an article in the newspaper about Rose and her quilts.

Upcoming Events/Activities:

April 1 – Blast deadline
March 18 – Zoom Sit & Sew
March 19 – Philanthropy Sew Day
March 21 – Moda Blockheads on Zoom
March 25 – Newsletter Deadline
April 2 – Zoom for Crafts
May 12 – Wool Class – Sunflower
May 30 - Chubby Charmer
June 9 – Quilts of Valor

Pat Kohne said that she had moved at the end of last year and then got very sick. She received many cards which she still has displayed. She thanked everyone and expressed her appreciation.

Show and Tell – There were three quilts shown.

Drawings – Fat Quarters: Joanne D'Allura Next month's color will be turquoise.

Gift Cards: Liz Watson
Janet Liples

Block Magazine: Marlene Snyder
Quilt Calendars: Bev Smith
Valerie Rudan

Lynn Holtzman said that sewing for Reach to Recovery tote bags will be held on Friday, May 15th, at Rydal Waters. It is all straight-line sewing, there are great instructions and it is a nice venue.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:10 p.m.
Respectfully submitted,
Vickie Detwiler, Secretary

GUILD HAPPENINGS

Programs and Activities

April 13: Eliza Hardy Jones "Song Quilts". Eliza will discuss how she integrates her musical acumen with quilting. www.elizahardyjones.com

May 11: Members' Showcase. Please bring two quilts/items that you have made to show to all our members. Participants will be eligible for a prize.

In addition, Pat Piesecki will discuss Quilts of Valor.

Sign-ups for the Ice Cream Social will take place

June 15: Surprise Guest appearance followed by an Ice Cream Social.

For those interested in attending a quilt retreat that is located within driving distance, here are two recommendations from members who have attended them:



on Facebook at [Suzie Q Says](#)

Circle Of Friends Quilt Retreats

Held at the Comfort Inn of Lancaster County North, Denver PA

June (10)11,12,13,14

For more information, contact Cheryl Hank: cofq2010@ptd.net or

on Facebook "Circle of Friends Quilting"

Philanthropy

Wow! We had a wonderful charity sew day making pillow cases for Beds for Kids. We now have so many made that I'm going to need my husband to get in there to lift the tub. Thanks so much for your hard work! Please continue to make place mats. I'm hoping to start delivering in May. Right now we are low on kits, because its hard to find a time to get into the church for a few hours to put matching fabrics together. Carol has told us that it costs \$50 every time we go into the church, apart from our contracted times. Yikes!

Hopefully everyone is able to make charity items on their own. Our next charity sew day is Thursday, April 16 from 10 to 2. We will be working on a mishmash of projects. Please come join us for a fun day! Bring your lunch. 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!

Membership

CLQ pins are available for purchase at the April 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

Reminders for the Quilt Show April 24-26:

Last day to purchase discounted Mini-Quilt Raffle Tickets will be the General Guild Meeting on April 13th. They will be full price at the quilt show, so don't lose this great opportunity!! Last day to donate your MINI is April 13th.

Quilt drop off for the show will be Friday April 24 from 9-12. Please follow the process outlined by Barb Sarafinas using a pillowcase, 2 large pins and the label she will provide. Registration is now closed to any further quilts for display.

The last day for BOUTIQUE donations will be March 31st.

Please bring your BAKED GOODS in individually wrapped packaging and labeled if there are nuts (allergies).

Remember to post the Show Flyer at a local establishment (ie library, grocery store, etc). If you need more Flyers, you will shortly get a blast with that attached.

Thank you to EVERYONE for all their contributions and assistance!!!

Thank you,
The Marilyns

UPCOMING QUILT SHOWS

Airing of the Quilts Palmerton May 2nd 9-5 Palmerton High School
Three Rivers Quilters Show (April 16-18, Canonsburg, PA),
Pennsylvania National Quilt Extravaganza (Sept 17-20, Oaks, PA).

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 | plcaltsew1@gmail.com

IN THE SPOTLIGHT: MARTY LEVINE

Marty was born in Abington, and grew up, with her two siblings, on a small farm in Horsham. After high school, she worked in an office until she married and had two children. When her children were in high school/college, her husband passed. While working in the computer field, Marty went back to school and got her college degree, re-married and started a new family. She retired from Human Resources at J&J in 2017.

Her first brush with quilting came in 2000 when the art teacher at her daughter's new school asked her to come up with a project in which all students in the school (about 1000) could participate. The children were given 5"x5" pieces of fabric which they decorated with special crayons. Marty put together a team that collected the pieces, assembled them into quilts for each grade level, and displayed them on the walls of the school for almost 10 years.

She mainly works on traditional quilts, but does not shy away from the challenge of learning new techniques. She used to send her pieces out to be quilted, but thanks to a generous gift of a long-arm machine from her husband, she now quilts her own pieces. Marty's favorite place is the beach, where she can sink her feet in the sand, and hear the waves wash up on the shore. Someday, she hopes to visit her nephew in Singapore. Her greatest adventure, thus far, was a 6 week visit to China in 1992 where she and her husband adopted a baby girl.

Marty has accomplished a great deal in her life and has successfully navigated a number of challenges. We welcome her as a new member of our Guild.