



County Line
Quilters **News**

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Dear Ladies and Jacob,

What a wonderful Quilt Show! So many visitors, both quilters and non-quilters, as well as members were greatly impressed with specular display of diversity in the multiple types of styles, wide range of techniques, and spectrum of colors in the exhibited quilts. The presentation of minis, crafts, boutique, and consignment areas were very attractive and inviting to the public.

It was great to see how our planning and hard work came together! We want to give a special thanks to our phenomenal Quilt Show leaders – Marilyn Lopez and Marilyn Malik! Thank you also to all the quilt show committee chairs for their diligence and hard work- Boutique- Janet and Rosanna, Crafts- Liz and Joanne, Decorations- Barb Gleason, Door Prizes- Barbara Lewis and Vickie, Food/Kitchen-Stella and Denise, Front Desk- Emily, Layout/Set Up- Barb Miller and Gina, Minis- Anita and Eileen, Publicity- Bonnie, Raffle Tickets- Dee, Mary Beth, Mary Finley, Raffle Quilt- Ellen and Kathy Webb, Quilt Registration- Barba Sarafinas, Vendors/ Consignment- Joyce Helstrom and Suzette, Volunteers- Sue Clark. Each committee working independently and in coordination with each other. Each group was so well organized that on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday everything ran like a well-oiled machine! Also, a big thank you to those men who assisted in setting up on Friday and taking down on Sunday. Thank you to all who made crafts and minis, donated fabric and notions, worked on the raffle quilt, volunteered at the show, and shared their beautiful quilts. It takes a village to make something this large successful. We are truly fortunate to have such wonderful people as part of our group!

We are very grateful that Marilyn and Marilyn are going to be the chairs for our next quilt show!

You can become more involved by stepping up and using your talents and strengths to co-chair a committee team. The technology team is one of those teams. Also, we are looking for a team of two or three people to chair the crafts committee. If you are interested in any of these, please contact Carol Cotter.

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. Also, we will be showcasing your talents, please bring in a quilt or two to share at our May meeting.

Reminders:

Blast - Wednesday, May 6 email Jeanne

Newsletter – Monday, May 25 email Jacob

Yellow is the fat quarter color for the May 50-50 drawing.

Bring money for our raffle of fat quarter bundles!

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

Tuesday, May 12- 10-3PM – Wool Class making 3-D sunflower- see Joyce Helstrom- \$15 plus kit

Friday, May 15- Reach to Recovery at Rydal Waters

Saturday, May 16- MODA block of the Month on Zoom 10-11, contact Marilyn Lopez or Joanne D'Allura

Thursday, May 21- Philanthropy Day 10-2

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

Tuesday June 9- Quilts of Valor – Come sew blocks to make Quilts of Valor quilts bring your sewing supplies and machine, please sign up with Joyce

Tuesday June 16- Pot Luck Luncheon- 11-3

Looking forward to all of your beautiful quilts that are going to show at our May! Carol

"May all your ups and downs in life be with a needle and thread." Anonymous

COUNTY LINE QUILTERS GENERAL MEETING MINUTES 4-13-2026



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.

Stella Bredin introduced the speaker for the evening, Eliza Hardy Jones.

Carol shared a thank you note from Mary Finley for the sympathy card we sent for her mother.

Secretary – Vickie Detwiler – A Motion was made and seconded to accept the Minutes of the March 9, 2026 meeting. The Motion passed.

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

Vice Presidents – Denise Beck/Stella Bredin – There are two more months left to this year. For the May meeting, everyone should bring in two quilts to show and to be eligible to win a prize. At June's meeting there will be a special surprise guest, followed by an ice cream social.

Communications – Jeanne Malone – The Blast deadline is May 6th.

Newsletter – Jacob Kane – The newsletter deadline is April 25th but since that is the date of the

quilt show, we would like to try to have the newsletter done ahead of time.

Historian/Ambassador – Nancy Williams – If you would like to be a Sew Sister, please contact either Carol or Nancy. Also, if you take pictures at any event, please send them to Nancy for the yearbook.

Membership – Helen Haun/Lois Moore – There were 52 members in attendance at this meeting, plus one on Zoom and one guest.

Carol said that house pins are for sale tonight and reminded everyone to wear their name tag to the quilt show.

Philanthropy – Barbara Lewis/Barb Gleason – This Thursday will be Philanthropy sew day and we will be sewing receiving blankets. The following items have been delivered recently: 36 receiving blankets and 38 burp cloths to Baby Bureau, 25 NICU quilts to Jefferson/Abington and Jefferson/Einstein, 12 quilts and 82 pillowcases to Beds for Kids. We need 200-250 placemats by mid-May; we have collected 180 to date. Barbara thanked everyone who donated items.

There had been some discussion at the Board meeting about washing NICU quilts prior to donating; however, Barbara said that she has spoken to the places that we donate the quilts to and they said the quilts do not have to be pre-washed as they wash everything prior to distributing them. She noted that machine binding is preferable as it is more durable.

Raffle & Challenge Quilt – Ellen Cicak/Kathy Webb – Ellen and Kathy are stepping down from both of these. Carol praised the work they have done with both of these projects. If anyone is interested in taking over, please contact Carol. Gina will do the design for the quilt. Ellen commented that the quilt challenge was a blast to do.

Technology – We need someone to take over technology. There will be a tutorial explaining how to do this. We would like to have several people on this committee.

Sunshine – Dee Carr – There were no cards to be sent out this month.

Website – Marilyn Malik – Carol thanked Marilyn for adjusting the quilt logo so that it shows up better on a mobile phone.

Crafts – Liz Watson – We also need someone to step up to take over Crafts. Liz has done this for several years. We would like to have a team for this.

Quilt Show – Marilyn Lopez/Marilyn Malik – M&M thanked everyone for volunteering. Neons were distributed for people to post in their communities. Donations for the boutique are now closed. We will be accepting donations of books and magazines but they should not be brought in until Friday, the setup day.

Rosanna had an idea for scraps. They have 12 boxes of scraps. We will get a kiddie pool to put the scraps in. We could also have a beach ball. If anyone can lend these items, please let M&M know.

Today is the last day for discount tickets for the mini quilt raffle.

Barb Sarafinas said that every quilt that has been registered will be included in the show. You should have received your pillowcase tag(s) this evening. Quilts should be brought in on Friday/set-up day between 9:00 and 1:00. Volunteers to hang quilts should be there around noon. Other set-up volunteers should arrive after 11:00.

Consignment – Joyce will have the tags to put on consignment items. There will also be instructions for how to attach tags and when to bring your items.

On the day of the show there will be sign-up sheets posted in the kitchen if you want to sign up at the last minute to help out.

We will need individually wrapped baked goods to sell. They can be brought in on either Friday or Saturday. Please label items that have nuts.

Receipts for quilt show expenditures should be turned in to M&M in May.

Bill Miller will be selling his woodworking items at the show.

We will be accepting craft items through this Saturday. They cannot be accepted after that as they need to be organized and priced.

Bev Smith offered a huge thank you to Liz for everything she has done for Crafts in the last few years.

M&M said that they have had so much fun doing this quilt show that they have decided to do the next one also. They would like to have everyone involved in committees.

If you have a plain apron, Pat Clayton can embroider our logo on it for \$15. Please let her know by tomorrow.

We will have reusable County Line Quilter shopping bags at the quilt show. They will be given out to those who make a purchase of \$75 or more. There will also be some available for sale.

Events – Joyce Helstrom – There is still space available in both workshops, especially the Wool Class on May 12th.

Additional events are as follows:

- April 18 – Moda Blockheads – 10:00 – 3:00
- May 15 – Reach to Recovery Tote Bags at Rydal Park – 10:00- 4:00
- May 16 – Moda Blockheads – 10:00 – 3:00
- May 30 – Chubby Charmer Class with Pat Clayton – Sign up with Joyce.
- June 9 – Quilts of Valor with Pat Piasecki
- June 16 – Patriotic Potluck and Show & Tell

They are also working on some additional events.

New Business – Marlene Snyder said that when she first joined the Guild, she received a card

when she lost her son. It meant so much to know that people care. She recently received a card since she has been having health issues. She expressed her gratitude for the care and concern she felt from the guild members.

Pat Kohne spoke about a retreat she had attended in Ocean City, Maryland. They always have a free table where attendees can put whatever they don't want. Someone brought in a beautiful quilt jacket that she had made with orphan blocks.

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

Drawings – Fat Quarters: Carol Cotter
Next month's color will be yellow.

Gift Cards: Anita Lehman – Byrnes

Barb Sarafinas – Stitch Central

Magazine: Pat Piasecki

The meeting was adjourned at 9:12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Vickie Detwiler, Secretary

GUILD HAPPENINGS

Programs and Activities

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 8: Surprise Guest appearance followed by an Ice Cream Social.

Philanthropy

Thank you to everyone who brought projects to our April meeting. I was sick and Bev Smith and Sharon Moran helped Barbara Lewis. Thanks, Ladies.

I am happy to say we won't need any more placemats for this year. We are still happy to get other items.

On another note, I left a small paper bag in the back room near the raffle quilt at the show. This bag held 8 balloon weights covered with sparkly white paper. I'm sure they got put into a tub. So, if you had a tub or box in that room can you check for the weights please. They belong to Marilyn Lopez. Thank you.

Charity sew day is the third Thursday, May 21 from 10 to 2. Bring your machine and lunch! We'll provide the fabric.

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 May meeting. Cost is \$5 cash, please.

Just ask at the membership table when you sign in.



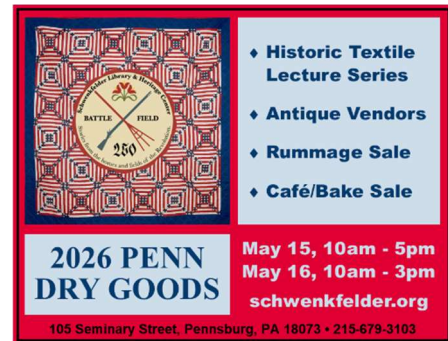
UPCOMING QUILT SHOWS

Pennsylvania National Quilt Extravaganza (Sept 17-20, Oaks, PA).

If you are looking for a "quilty" day trip, check out the Pearl S. Buck house starting June 8th and continuing until mid October. To celebrate the 250th birthday of our country the Pearl S. Buck house will be adorned with quilts. The show will feature a remarkable range of quilts, from early utilitarian quilts reflective of 19th-century life to contemporary art quilts, including pieces that have won awards in regional and national quilt shows.

Admission and guided tour information can be found on the website:

[Pearl S. Buck International](http://www.pearlsbuckinternational.com)



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
