

County Line Quilters News

www.countylinequilters.org

Where did the summer go...I hope everyone sewed a lot, relaxed and was able to do something fun!! I am really excited about fall and getting back to our Guild meetings.

Here are some of the activities that many participated in over the past few months:

- In June we had a postmortem quilt show meeting. While I believe that our last quilt show was amazing, we discussed several ideas on how to make the show even better. Thank you to all of you that provided your quilt show survey comments.
- We had such fun at the Patriotic potluck, it was wonderful to be able to take advantage of the picnic benches outside, even though it was a little windy. It is always so nice to have these opportunities to really get to know each other better and to learn about each other's fun collections.
- Off to the races at the July Philanthropy sew day, we had fun while making jelly roll race quilts for the NICU and Bed's for Kids – thank you to all who participated. Can't wait to see all of the finished products!
- The sleep at home retreat was a great success. It was wonderful to sit and sew together. Many members worked on philanthropy items and sew much quilting knowledge was shared. I can't wait until next year!
- Special thanks to those who did all of the hard work to start the Quilts of Valor chapter within our guild, more details to follow.

The Fat Quarter color for September is Orange.

PLEASE READ THE NEWSLETTER - Each month there will be a special sunflower word inserted throughout the newsletter. Whoever can tell me at the meeting the number of times that word appeared will receive a gift, more details about this at the meeting.

Please feel free to reach out to me if you have any questions, ideas or suggestions for our Guild.

Denise

COUNTY LINE QUILTERS GENERAL MEETING MINUTES 6-8-2026



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.

Stella Bredin introduced the speaker for the evening, Martha Washington!

Presentation of Quilt –

Denise Beck – Denise and Stella presented Carol Cotter with a quilt from the membership in appreciation for her two years of service as President of the guild. Carol thanked everyone.

Elections – Dee Carr –

Elections were held by a show of hands as each person was running unopposed. The following were elected as officers of the guild for the next two years:

President - Denise Beck
Vice Presidents – Pat Clayton and Bev Smith
Secretary - Stella Bredin
Treasurer - Lynn Holtzman

Secretary – Vickie

Detwiler – A Motion was made and seconded to accept the sunflower Minutes of the May 11, 2026 meeting. The Motion passed.

Treasurer – Lynn

Holtzman – A Motion was made and seconded to accept the Treasurer's Report. The Motion passed.

Communications –

Jeanne Malone – Carol said that Jeanne will be stepping down as Communications Officer. She has done an awesome job, starting in 2003. Vickie will be taking over this position.

Events – Joanne

D'Allura/Joyce Helstrom/Marilyn Lopez/Eileen Witowski – Joanne spoke about the upcoming events:

- Chubby Charmer will be rescheduled for September or October since it had to be canceled. Pat Clayton apologized for the cancelation, which was due to her having food poisoning.

- June 9th – Quilts of Valor workshop – Carol said there will be pre-cut kits available for the workshop, as well as some to take home and sew. Please bring a sewing machine, if possible, and lunch.

- June 16th – Patriotic Potluck. There are a lot of people signed up. We will do a show and tell, as well as talk about ourselves and get to know each other better.

- June 20th – Moda Blockheads on Zoom. We will show the blocks we have made, which can also be displayed at the next quilt show.

- August 3-5 – Sleep-at-Home Quilt Retreat at St. Cyril's. You will be able to leave your supplies there for the three days. The deposit is \$25. The total cost will be determined after we complete sign-ups; however, it is expected to be about \$50 for the three days. You would work on whatever projects you wish.

- October 6th – Patriotic Mystery Quilt – Pat Clayton will be teaching this class. It is not a flag but it is red, white and blue (although it could

be done in other colors.) There is homework to be done prior to the class (cutting fabric, etc.) We need 15 people to sign up. It will be held at the church and the cost will be \$25.00, including \$5.00 for the pattern. The size of the quilt is 67" x 67".

Historian/Ambassador – Nancy Williams – Nancy has been working on the yearbook. She said that anytime you're at an event, please text or email pictures to her. The yearbook will be getting made over the summer and she should have a copy of it in September.

Membership – Helen Haun/Lois Moore – There were at least 51 members in attendance at this meeting, although some additional members may not have signed in. There was one guest.

Philanthropy – Barbara Lewis/Barb Gleason – Barbara thanked everyone who brought items in today. There are kits for receiving blankets and NICU quilts available to take home. Philanthropy will meet on June 18th and July 16th. They will determine whether there will be a meeting in August,

depending on interest. Barbara asked that members continue making placemats over the summer. Denise delivered 30 dog beds last month. Dog beds should be approximately 18" x 18". St. Christopher's requires a dark back on their NICU quilts; however, others that we donate to do not. Barbara asked for donations of flannel if anyone has some they aren't using.

Challenge Quilt – Carol Cotter/Pat Piasecki/Sylvia O'Neill – If you are interested in doing the Challenge Quilt, you must pick your colors from the bags. The quilt must be made with these two colors plus either black or white and should be no larger than 40" x 40". It is due in December. Also, it does not have to be a quilt. It could be a bag, jacket, wall hanging, etc.

Publicity/Crafts – Liz Watson – Liz thanked everyone who made things that we sold at the quilt show. There are many leftover items for sale in the back of the room. Liz will be stepping down from Crafts and would like someone to take over, preferably two people.

Sunshine – Dee Carr – No cards were sent but Dee said that she will send one to Lynn Holtzman for her husband.

Website – Marilyn Malik – Marilyn is looking for comments about the quilt show. Please fill out the questionnaire, if you have not already done so. On June 15th, there will be a wrap-up meeting. The dates for the 2028 quilt show will be March 31-April 2, pending confirmation from St. Cyril's.

New Business – Carol said that Pearl Buck is having an anniversary celebration for the nation's 250th. All kinds of quilts will be displayed.

Old Business – Carol said that the Mennonite ladies could use sheets and pillowcases for their quilts. They can be used, as long as they are not white, have no stains or holes, and can be fitted sheets. Their quilts are donated to countries all over the world.

Show and Tell –

Stella showed a quilt that she made for Quilts of Valor. She is unable to come tomorrow but said that we are hoping to

start a chapter for Bucks and Montgomery counties.

Pat Piasecki showed a Pojagi quilt and explained that this is a way of putting the fabric together with flat felled seams (similar to seams on jeans). There is only one layer of fabric. When the quilt is finished, it can be hung in a window and looks like stained glass due to the way the seams are sewed. She used batiks on hers

Drawings –

Fat Quarter Bundles:

Carol Cotter
Margaret Wheaton
Vickie Detwiler
Bev Smith
Mary Finley
Nancy Williams
Suzie Sergeant

Fat Quarters:

Stella Bredin

Next month's color will be orange.

Gift Cards:

Joanne D'Allura – Byrnes
Shelley Gandolfo – Stitch Central

Grab Bag:

Pat Clayton
Nancy Phillips
Dee Carr

Barb Henry
Betsy Penzone

Carol thanked everyone for all their help throughout the two years that she has been President. She was happy for everyone who stepped up, including looking for a venue and when she broke her ankles.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Vickie Detwiler,
Secretary

GUILD HAPPENINGS

Show and Tell – 9/14 Meeting

Please bring your completed sunflower projects with you for Show and Tell at our September meeting! To be mindful of everyone, please bring no more than two (2) items for Show and Tell. Thank you to everyone for your cooperation.

Programs and Activities

Welcome back to all members of CLQ and a special sunflower welcome to new members who recently joined or will be joining County Line. We have many exciting meetings planned for the 2026/27 year. Great presenters, a few participation events, and lots of social get-togethers are just a sampling of what is in store for the guild this year.

Our September meeting will feature presentations by all the committee chairs. The chairs will introduce themselves and the various members of their committee, explain the roles and function of the committee within the guild, and share the work that the committee is currently doing for the guild. This will be an updated review for the past members and an informative session for our newest membership. Sit back, relax and enjoy. Philanthropy will be the highlight of the evening.

Becca Fenstermaker will be our in-person speaker at the October meeting. For quilt designer and storyteller Becca Fenstermaker, creativity begins close to home, on her family's cranberry farm in southern New Jersey. Becca creates her favorite designs through her own stories and experiences. Every choice she makes for her designs comes from the story that she tells. Her main objective is that quilters should tell their own story. Stay tuned for more....

Philanthropy

Welcome back to a new quilting year! Please bring anything you've completed to me upstairs in the lobby when you check in. I will give you a paper to fill out, including how many of each item you've made and tickets to go along with it. (If you turn in 7 items, you'll get 7 tickets) Each month we'll draw a ticket and someone will get a prize!

We are on the lookout for nursery flannel. The Baby Bureau loves our special receiving blankets and they are in need. We used to buy flannel remnants at Joann at half price, so please check your stash and see if you can donate. If you'd like to purchase flannel we use one 30" piece and one 40" piece. Perhaps while traveling you'll find a good bargain.

In this newsletter there will be a list of philanthropy projects for the year. We will try hard to stick to the schedule, but sometimes one of our charities will reach out and ask for something they need. In that case the schedule will change. In the November slot it says tbd. Usually we would be doing trees that month, but our wonderful Jeanne Malone has made all of them already. Instead we HOPE to be making water bottle carriers and playing card holders for our Seniors. It should be lots of fun learning a new skill.

All of the projects we make for philanthropy are on the web site if you need directions. Thank you for continuing to make place mats, receiving blankets, NICU quilts, pillow cases and

dog beds. This is just an amazing guild and we are so very grateful for all you do for our community!

Barb Gleason and Barbara Lewis - Philanthropy Chairs

Philanthropy Sew Schedule

We will be tracking philanthropy donations at our monthly sunflower meetings and giving a ticket for each donation. At the end of the meeting there will be a drawing for a prize.

September-Scrap Quilts 9/17/2026 start time 11:00 rather than 10:00

October- Placemats

November- TBD

December- No Meeting Scheduled

January-Pillowcases

February-Receiving Blankets

March-Jersey Knit Baby Beanies

April- Walker Bags

May-NICU Quilts

June-Fidget Quilts

July- Beds for Kids Quilts (Jelly Roll Race or Panels)

The above is subject to change as needed.

Thanks!!

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

Thank you to all who have paid your dues for 2026-27 sunflower season.

If you have NOT paid your dues, balance due is \$35 for the year and can be paid at the 2

If I do not receive your payment by November 1, your name will be dropped from the CLQ membership list.

If you do NOT plan to renew your membership, please send an email to Helen Haun or me.

Thank you.

Challenge Quilts

There is still time to choose your colors for our December Guild Challenge "Pick Your Colors Challenge."

Please see Sylvia O'Neill, Carol Cotter, or Pat Piasecki at our September meeting, and we will help you pick your colors and get started. Note that quilts have an 40 x 40"inch maximum size.

Come join the fun!



Quilts of Valor (QOV)

I'm happy to say we have started a QOV chapter in this area. Our name is County Line Valor Bees. We have 5 'official' members and many guild members who have graciously offered to support us. Anyone who wants to become an 'official' member with the QOVF (Quilt of Valor Foundation), let me know. It is only \$10.

QOVF's mission is to cover Service Members and living Veterans touched by war with comforting and healing Quilts of Valor. As of now, only 440,000 veterans have received a quilt where as there are over 15,000,000 veterans alive. Our goal is to increase the number of quilts awarded to those who dearly deserve them.

Our needs:

- ~ to have fabric for piecing, batting and backing. Backing fabric is best if it is 108" - 2yds
- ~ to piece the quilts
- ~ to long-arm the quilts
- ~ to bind the quilts
- ~ to raise funds to buy the fabric...hopefully through Veteran organizations
- ~ to award the quilts, and most importantly

~ to get the word out and find nominees

Carol Cotter, myself and several others will be getting together to put kits together. We will definitely have some at our Guild meeting on Monday, 9/14th. At this point we are working with a limited budget. We appreciate any and all donations of fabric. Please do not purchase any materials expecting to get reimbursed unless you check with me first. If you are interested in getting emails specific to this, and have not received any, please let me know.

We have two guild members who have been very active and have awarded many quilts, Sharon Moran and Pat Pasiacki. They are a wealth of knowledge. My first presentation will be with Sharon on Wed, 8/26. Also, just as an FYI, we will not be limited to just Bucks and Montgomery Counties. The QOVF sends the nomination to the closest chapter. I was told that there is not another group west of us until Harrisburg. Just remember, many hands make light work!

Thank you for your support,

Eileen Witowski
QOV Group Leader
ewitow@gmail.com
267-987-8074 (texting is great)...

Communications/Blast

A Blast will be sent out to all members with news of upcoming events and important information every week. We are aiming to send it on Fridays. If you have any information that you would like to have included, please email Denise Beck at DAB53990@gmail.com and Vickie Detwiler at vdet.c1@gmail.com

Any "sad news" will be sent out separately from the regular Friday Blast and will be sent out as soon as possible with relevant information.

Website

The County Line Quilters website is Countylinequilters.org

It's a great resource for information for not only the public but also for our members. You'll find our history, our mission, our programs and lots of photos!

On the **philanthropy page** it gives directions for making fidget lap quilts for patients with alzheimers, NICU quilts, placemats, walker bags, moontime bags for native Americans, receiving blankets, hot dog pillows, pet beds and cuddle hearts for premies.

On the page titled **How to Make Sunflower Stuff** you'll find out to make an Iron Caddy Tote, Snappy eyeglass case, casserole cozy, scissor holder, rollup pouch, jewelry case, cosmetic bag, tissue holders, how to add a sleeve to your quilt, journal cover, rope bowls, vinyl project bag & wallets for tea bags or RFID credit card holder.

You'll find past **presentations & workshops, newsletters, challenges** and past **quilt shows**. The **Calendar and Events** page helps you plan your own calendar. There's a general guide outlining when board meetings, general guild meetings, philanthropy & MODA blockheads meet. Then below that is the next month presentation/activities detailed, including what color the Fat Quarters are. On the side it tells whether Zoom is available and the meeting time.

If someone emails the website, it is usually to inquire about meetings or about donating items. We received a ton of fabric and notions from these donations to use at our quilt show. We try to capture many pictures of our activities and members being involved and hope this is a good resource. It's a pleasure to see so many people being involved, getting inspired and contributing to our communities.

UPCOMING QUILT SHOWS

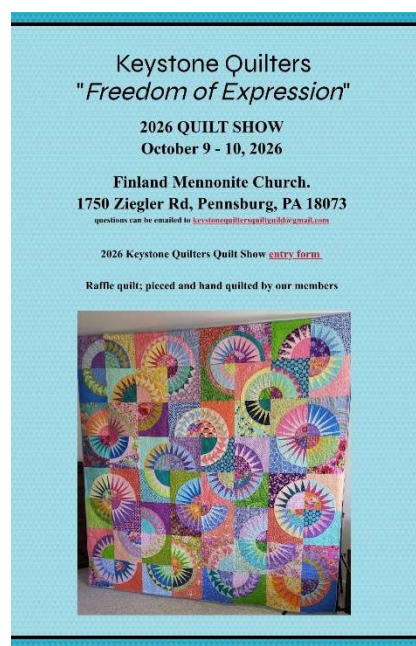
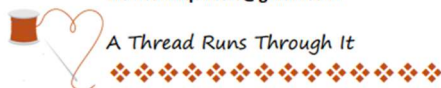


❖ **Saturday, November 14, 2026**
10:00 am – 5:00 pm

❖ **Sunday, November 15, 2026**
10:00 am – 4:00 pm

Newtown Middle School
116 Newtown-Richboro Road
Newtown, PA 18940

newtownquilters@gmail.com



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

Britney Pointe Estates Annual Quilt & Craft Show will be held on September 18th 9-4 and 19th 9-2 at
Lunch will be available.
No Entrance fee.

1001 S Valley Forge Rd. Lansdale, Pa 19446
Call Pat Kohne 410-913-0104 with questions.

American Cancer Society - Reach to Recovery - Tote Bag Sewing Day
Friday, September 18th, 2026 @ Rydal Waters & Clubhouse (Flyer Attache)
10:00 AM to 4:00 PM

RYDAL PARK & WATERS CLUBHOUSE - 1637 Noble Circle - Jenkintown, PA
Pre-cut Kits are provided and ready for machine sewing.

There is also handwork/sewing and pressing. Questions - Lynn Holtzman. 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 a 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 sunflower 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

Pat Clayton – Pat's Patches and Pattern – custom-made embroidered labels.
(215) 704-1057 | plcqltsew1@gmail.com



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

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Kit Holmes - 9/2
Marilyn Becker - 9/7
Cecilia ("Cece") Ballasy - 9/16
Betsy Penzone - 9/16

Jacob Kane - 9/17
Rosanna Wirth - 9/19
Karen Saalfrank - 9/27
Elizabeth Watson - 9/30

PHILANTHROPY ACTIVITY SUMMARY

Philanthropy	Collected in Sept 2026	Collected in Oct 2026	Collected in Nov 2026	Collected in Dec 2026	Collected in Jan 2027	Collected in Feb 2027	Collected in Mar 2027	Collected in April 2027	Collected in May 2027	Collected in June 2027	Collected in July and Aug 2027	Total
Dog Beds												
Fidget Quilts												
NICU Quilts												
Pillow Cases												
Placemats												
Quilts Beds for Kids												
Receiving Blankets												
Walker Bags												

We will be tracking philanthropy activity throughout the year to share with the Guild! Stay tuned for updates.

PHILANTHROPY SUMMARY 2025-2026

Thank you for all of your wonderful and helpful contributions.

NICU Quilts 99
Fabric Christmas Trees 23
Receiving Blankets 173
Burp Cloths 238
Knit Booties 90

Quilts 77
Knit Hats 22
Baby Afghans 50
Bonding Hearts 171
Placemats 519

Pet Beds 146
Pillow Cases 117
Fidget Quilts 36
Assorted baby clothes,
shoes, books and toys.

These items were donated to the following:

Bucks County SPCA
The Baby Bureau
St Christopher's Hospital
NICU
Jefferson Abington's NICU
Sunflower

Jefferson Montgomery's
NICU
Beds 4 Kids aka OHAT
Ambler Senior Center
Hatboro Senior Center
Lansdale MANNA

Doylestown Senior Center
Neshaminy Manor Senior
Home
Dock Mennonite Home
Care
Telford Lutheran Home

NOTES FROM OUR COMMUNITY



June 18, 2026

Ms. Barbara Gleason
County Line Quilters
130 Shady Lane
Lansdale, PA 19446

Dear Ms. Gleason,

Thank you for your donation of 75 beautiful, quilted placemats to Meals on Wheels of Central Bucks County. Our clients love to receive gifts like these to brighten their days.

Meals on Wheels provides approximately 900 meals a month to those in the Central Bucks area who are housebound or otherwise disabled and need meal assistance. We accept no government money and are entirely funded by our generous donors like you. Your donation will help cover the increasing cost of food that we provide to our clients.

Please accept this letter as your receipt and acknowledgement of charitable gifting. Our Tax ID number is 23-1878877. Your contribution is tax-deductible to the extent allowed by law.

Thank you again for your support!

With kindest regards,

Meals on Wheels of Central Bucks County

<https://www.cbmealsonwheels.org>
700 North Shady Retreat Road
Doylestown, PA 18901
Tel: 215-345-6065



BUX-MONT MEALS ON WHEELS

414 South York Road
Hatboro, PA 19040-4799
(215) 443-9784

County Line Quilters
c/o Barb Gleason
BobDad123@aol.com

June 15, 2026

Re: Donation of quilted placemats

Dear Barb and our Friends at County Line Quilters,

Thank you so much! I am always so impressed with the amazing detail and beauty in each of these placemats. Our clients absolutely love them- it is such a bright moment in their day when these arrive with their food.

We truly appreciate your amazing quilting work- the light and joy you bring to our homebound clients is beyond words. We are so happy to be the recipients of your talents!

Sincerely grateful,

Jeannine

Jeannine P McKeogh,
Coordinator
Coord.BuxMontMOW@gmail.com
www.BuxMontMow.org

Dear Barb and the County Line Quilters,

I wanted to thank you from the bottom of my heart for the #70 quilted placemats that you so graciously donated.

They are always a huge hit around here. The seniors really love them.

Thanks for always thinking of us,

Trisha Vogel



Trisha Vogel

Ambler Meals on Wheels Coordinator | Montco SAAC

Pronouns: she, her, hers