County Line Quilters News

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Thank you so much to Bev Smith and Pat Claton for running the October meeting in my absence. I heard they did a fantastic job! Hope you enjoyed Becca Fenstermaker's presentation.

Thank you to Pat Clayton and Carol Cotter for ensuring that the Church was open and available when needed for CLQ activities!

The patriotic mystery quilt class taught by Pat Clayton was a huge success. Can't wait to see everyone's finished quilts.

Sorry that I missed the Potluck, Philanthropy and QOV activities; I heard they were all well attended!

Special thanks to Cathleen Ellmaker, a new member, for offering to help with quilting a few of the charity quilt tops that are ready to go.

This month's fat quarter color is brown.

Looking forward to the Lancaster bus trip in November!!

PLEASE READ THE NEWSLETTER - Each month there will be a special word inserted throughout the newsletter. There will be a raffle each month for the person who lists to correct number of times the word of the month is listed throughout the newsletter. **The word for October is Pumpkin**.

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 10-12-2026



The meeting was called to order by Pat Clayton at 7 PM. Bev Smith introduced the speaker, Becca Fenstermaker of Sugar Sand Quilts Co. who spoke about Finding your U-F-Flow.

Meeting Minutes

The Business Meeting was called to order at 8:22 PM by Pat Clayton. Details as follows:

Officer Reports

- September Meeting Minutes accepted by Pat Kohne, seconded by Mary Beth Hoff; treasurer's report accepted by Dee Carr and seconded by Jacob Kane; both motions passed
- Vice Presidents: (Pat Clayton/Bev Smith),Speaker for November meeting will be via Zoom at the church; December's meeting is the Holiday Party
- Secretary: (Stella Bredin), no updates
- Treasurer: Lynn Holtzman in Florida; no updates
- Membership (Helen Haun) new members introduced, green name tags identify newcomers
- Newsletter (Jacob): October issue well-received; November newsletter deadline is October 25th; December deadline TBD (may move earlier due to holidays); contact Jacob at jacobpkane@outlook.com
- Website (Marilyn Malik) reminds members to arrive at meetings by 6:45, website is a good resource for upcoming events and past workshops
- Communications (Vickie Detwiler) contact her if you're not receiving the weekly email blast
- Historian (Nancy Williams): yearbook available tonight, $20 soft cover; last chance to order, bring payment to November meeting
- Technology: (Liz Watson), nothing to report

Upcoming Events

- Lancaster bus trip: November 17th, $55/person (includes transport and driver gratuity)
    - Departs 7:45am; at Doylestown Mennonite Church second pick-up at Montgomery Mall ~8:15am, specific location TBD
    - Five stops: Bird in Hand Fabric Shop, Log Cabin Quilt Shop, Zinks Fabric Outlet, Primrose Quilt, Kitchen Kettle Village (lunch on your own)
    - Return to Montgomery Mall ~7pm, back to church by ~7:30pm
    - Still need a few more sign-ups to break even; Contact JoAnne D'Allura, jdalldesignsss@gmail.com .
- Sew-at-Home Retreat: January 18–20 at St. Cyril's, 9am–4pm
    - $25 deposit, $60 total; a few spots left, wait list available

    - Will reschedule if there's a blizzard; Contact Marilyn Lopez cmlop@aol.com or JoAnne D'Allura if interested.
- Circle of Friends Retreat: April 1–4 at Lancaster Heritage Hotel, Lancaster
    - $210 facility fee; hotel rooms $124/night (sleeps 1–2), breakfast included
    - ~10 signed up; capacity 25–30; deposits and sign-ups due to JoAnne by end of December
    - Optional Bargello quilt project available for extra cost
    - Contact JoAnne if interested
- Quilt Show 2028: Thursday March 30 through Saturday April 1st; Marilyn Malik and Marilyn Lopez are chairpersons
    - Eileen Blasik show at Phillips Mill, New Hope: Thursday December 3rd

Philanthropy; (Barbara Lewis and Barb Gleason)

- Philanthropy Sew Day: Thursday Oct. 14: focus on receiving blankets for the Baby Bureau (urgent request received)
    - Barb Gleason will instruct on receiving blankets; bring pen/pencil
    - Flannel kits available to take home for those who can't attend Thursday
    - Place mats and other donations also welcome; all instructions on the website
- Two jelly rolls available for anyone to make into quilts for Bed for Kids
- Dog beds for the SPCA: 18x20 or 20x20, heavy fabric shells needed; empty shells available to fill
- Fabric inventory: Monday October 26th at 6pm, volunteers needed to catalog fabric
- Philanthropy donations: great turnout, many items brought in

Raffle Quilt and Challenge (Carol Cotter, Sylvia O'Neill, Pat Piesecki)

- Raffle quilt blocks: due back by December; Use scant quarter-inch seam when sewing; contact Carol Cotter cacotter@yahoo.com if unable to finish.
- Challenge quilts: 40x40, two colors plus white or black
    - Instructions and ID label coming in next blast and newsletter
    - Place item in a pillowcase with two safety pins and ID label for December drop-off
    - Judging during the holiday party in December
    - Color cards should be included; new members can still pick colors (crayons available)

Quilts of Valor: (Eileen Witowski)

- Church meeting to assemble blocks: Monday, October 19th, 6–9pm; bring sewing machine
- 447,000 quilts given to veterans (up from 440,000 a few weeks ago)
- Drawings: Barb Miller won philanthropy raffle; Susie Sargeant won fat quarter bundle; next month's fat quarter color is **brown**

Show and Tell:

The following members showcased their quilts: Pat Piesecki, Rosemarie Malizia, Pat Kohne, Pumpkin, Sherri Vorhees, Bev Smith, Dee Carr, Rosemarie Wert, Margaret Wheaton, Nancy Williams

The meeting was adjourned at 9:10 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Stella Bredin

GUILD HAPPENINGS

Programs

In November, Tina Curran will be our zoom speaker for the evening. Tina is a specialist in Art Quilts and many of her quilts have been on display at multiple art and quilt shows as well as showcased in national quilt magazines. In Tina's own words, she enjoys the deep American roots of traditional quilting combined with the unlimited pumpkin possibilities of today's art quilts. Tina often uses contemporary fabrics in century-old quilt traditions.

Bev and Pat

Activities

Please remember to stop at the table to sign a ticket for a gift card or another door prize. Don't forget your fat quarter…we give away a bundle at the meeting and then raffle the other one off in June. The color for October's mtg is brown. Please pay attention to the signs, so you know which ticket is door prize and which is Fat 1/4.

Philanthropy

Thanks to all our generous members we made deliveries to Buxmont, Ambler and Doylestown Meals on Wheels. We also delivered to the Baby Bureau, Beds for Kids and St Christopher's Hospital for Children. Carol Cotter made a delivery to Neshaminy Manor. We are so very grateful for everything you do for our community.

Our November charity sew day is the third Thursday November 19 from 10 to 2. Please bring your machine , sewing supplies and lunch. Denise would like us to make placemats for a spring delivery, but in case you'd like to try something new we will also have playing card holders and water bottle carriers for our seniors.

Please continue to work on projects at home. We always have kits available at our monthly meetings or you can make an item on your own. For ideas just look on the web site! If you ever have any questions please feel free to text or call one of us.

Barb Gleason and Barbara Lewis - Philanthropy Chairs

Yearbook

Anyone who ordered a CLQ Yearbook, please bring your $20 to the November Meeting and give to Nancy Williams so I can order the yearbooks. Thank you, Nancy Williams, Historian

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Membership

Since some people were going to pay their dues at the November meeting, I have not attached an updated membership list. That will be attached to the December newsletter.

In the meantime, if you need a current list of members, please let me know and I will send you one.

Quilts of Valor (QOV)

Thank you again to everyone that is continuing to support us and making blocks. We had a very successful gathering on October 19th. It was a great evening and SO much was accomplished.

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 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.

IN THE SPOTLIGHT

Sheri Voorhees

Sheri was born and grew up in Pen Argyl where she met her husband of 48 years. She and Earl have four children and 14 grandchildren. Prior to retirement, Sheri's work centered around teaching kindergarten (her favorite), family consumer science, pre-school, pre-K and autistic support.

She began quilting in 1980, after a class at a small Mennonite church, where she made and hand quilted a Dresden plate pillow. Apart from that class, most of her skills are self-taught with grateful thanks to You Tube videos. She mainly works on traditional quilts, but she gives modern quilting a try because her children prefer it. She uses traditional piecing techniques although she has tried and enjoyed paper piecing. She has done some applique work and would like to learn how to improve her skills in this area. She started by hand-quilting her work, and then progressed to machine quilting using her domestic sewing machine. She now owns a long-arm machine, and is learning free-motion quilting with the help of her husband who handles the computer side of things.

Sheri and Earl like to travel especially if family members join in. Their latest adventure was this summer's 49-day road trip, which included 11,847 miles of travel, 28 states and 15 National Parks. This was a bucket list trip that Sheri and Earl that both are thrilled to cross off their list. Along the way, with a very patient husband, she visited a number of quilt shops like Missouri Star Quilting Company and Shabby Fabrics.

Mary Taddei

Mary is not only a new member of the guild, but also relatively new to quilting. Although she has been sewing since she was a child, she began quilting in a serious way last year. She loved a block-of-the-month quilt so much that she finished it all in one month. She is still learning all the styles and techniques, so she does not have a favorite yet. She was born and grew up in Dell Rapids, a small town in South Dakota. She worked as a database programmer in New Jersey until she had her two children. Mary shared that there is now a huge quilt shop in her small home town that is owned by one of her old school mates. That makes Dell Rapids luckier that most of Bucks County which is rapidly losing all of its quilt shops. We welcome Mary to the guild and hope that she enjoys membership as much as we all do.

UPCOMING QUILT SHOWS





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 Jacob Kane.

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 pantogragh edge to edge quilting, custom free motion, and ruler work. 917-750-3371 jdalldesignss@gmail.com

Pat Clayton – Quilt Labels Your Way by Patricia Clayton – custom-made embroidered labels. (215) 704-1057 | plc3274@gmail.com



Happy Birthday to you, Happy Birthday to you, Happy Birthday dear …

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Stella Bredin - 11/1
Valerie Rudan - 11/1
Gloria Tafel - 11/17
Pat Kennedy - 11/23
Sue Britt - 11/24
Katherine Acker - 11/28

PHILANTHROPY ACTIVITY SUMMARY

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

Philanthropy 2026-2027	**September**	**October**
Dog Beds	28	31
Fidget Quilts	0	
NICU Quilts	36	15
Pillow Cases	5	8
Placemats	124	20
Quilts for Beds for Kids	16	7
Receiving Blankets	16	22
Walker Bags	19	
Pumpkin		
Knitted hats	6	
Stroller Blanket	3	
Knitted blankets	9	
Cuddle Hearts		41
Burp Cloths		3

NOTES FROM OUR COMMUNITY

OHAAT BEDS FOR KIDS

Dear Barb,

I wanted to send a quick note to say thank you so much for your generous donation of handmade quilts and fun pillowcases from the County Line Quilters! I really can't tell you how much we appreciate your support.

The goal of the Beds for Kids program is to make sure that no child in our area ever has to sleep on the floor. While we served over 3400 children aged 2-20 in 2025 the sad fact is that over 6,000 kids in our area still went to sleep on a makeshift bed using blankets, cushions, boxes and whatever else they could find most nights last year. Your generous donation will go a long way to help us end child bedlessness in Greater Philadelphia. In fact, with your gift, we will be able to provide a bedding package including a memory foam mattress, steel bed frame, blankets, sheets, pillows, a toothbrush, bedtime books, and a stuffed animal to more children living in poverty in our community.

Thank you so much for your ongoing support of the Beds for Kids program! You have made a real difference in the lives of the kids we serve.

Thanks to you, children will go to bed, looking forward to a restful night's sleep, some for the first time in their lives, and better off than the night before. Thank you once again for your donation. It means the world to us!

Click here to view a video of children opening up their bedtime bags!

Sincerely,

Kate Fay
Executive Director

