

# County Line Quilters News

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April 2025

Dear Ladies and Jacob,

Happy Spring! I welcome the more daylight it brings!

We had a wonderful first meeting in our new venue with our speaker, Lois Mease on color theory and even the weather cooperated. Once again, our membership had out done themselves by stepping up to the Weigh To Go Philanthropy Challenge! Members made over 1,000 items weighing 646 pounds! WOW, totally amazing! Thank you to all of you who contributed to this worthy cause and for coming in early so we could count and weigh the items in time to enjoy the speaker. A special thank you to Ellen and Kathy for creating and organizing this challenge. Thank you to all the members who assisted Ellen and Kathy in weighing, organizing, carrying to cars, and distributing all the items. Thank you to Barbara Bailey for purchasing the pound cakes at Stocks and those cutting and giving out to members.

During our April meeting members will be able to showcase two items that you have been working and would like to share. Please remember to email Ellen photographs of two your contributed philanthropy items from Weigh To Go to be shared at our April meeting. I do not know about you, but I get inspired seeing what everyone shares.

Be sure to look at the picture of our raffle quilt and name it! The name of the quilt and the name of the quilt show are tied together. Please think about cochairing one of the many committees for our Quilt Show in April 2026. Contact

Marilyn Lopez and/or Marilyn Malik for information or volunteering for these committee heads.

This month there will be no Philanthropy meeting at the church. Next Philanthropy Day will be Thursday, May 15th.

Saturday, April 19th Moda Block of the Month from 10 to 11 AM. If you have not signed up for this, it is not too late. Newcomers are always welcome, please contact Joanne D'Allura or Marilyn Lopez. It has been fun seeing all the different color waves people pick for their blocks and sharing successes and difficulties along the way.

We will be updating our By Laws this month. The original and the proposed updated versions will be sent out in the Blast after the executive meeting.

Please consider contributing a \$10 Giant gift card for the Bucks County Food Pantries. The New Britain Food Pantry is one of their pantries. It is a hard time for many families. The box for these will be on the membership table. The fat quarter for this month is turquoise.

I look forward to seeing everyone Monday, April 14th at the Doylestown Mennonite Church, 590 N. Broad St.

"To me, the beauty of a quilt or a 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." Natale

Carol Cotter

## COUNTY LINE QUILTERS GENERAL MEETING MINUTES 3-10-2025



### **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.

Vice President Stella Bredin introduced the speaker, Lois Mease, who spoke about Color Confidence for Quilters.

Ellen Cicak spoke about the results of the Weigh to Go Challenge. Thirty-three members participated and made 1,019 items for Philanthropy, as follows:

Pet Beds 83

Cuddle Hearts 153

NICU Quilts 76

Pillowcases 66

Placemats 297

Walker Bags 46

Wheelchair Quilts 17

Quilts for Kids 14

Moontime Bags 122

Burp Cloths 40

Receiving Blankets 27

Other Items 78

Ellen thanked our supporter, Jeanne Malone, for her help and for making the ribbons. She presented her with a pound cake mix. The runner up was Lynn Holtzman with 124 items; the winner was Marilyn Malik for 132 items.

Heavy hitters were as follows:

Sharon Moran with 32.2 pounds;

Pat Piasecki and Marilyn Malik with 3.52 pounds each.

The winner for guessing the total weight was Carol Cotter – she guessed 600 pounds; the total weight was 642.4 pounds.

Each of these winners were presented with a ribbon and a boxed pound cake mix. Carol thanked Kathy Webb and Ellen Cicak for all their work in running the challenge. Everyone enjoyed a treat of Stock's Pound Cake during intermission.

Vice Presidents – Denise Beck/Stella Bredin – Denise welcomed everyone to the new meeting location. At the April meeting there will be a Members' Show and Tell. She asked everyone to bring one or two items to show. Speakers have been lined up through January.

Secretary – Vickie Detwiler – A Motion was made by Jacob Kane and seconded by Pat Kohne to accept the Minutes of the February 10, 2025 meeting. The Motion passed.

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

Activities – Sue Edelman – We are accepting gift cards for Giant to give to the Bucks County Opportunities Center, the umbrella for all of the Bucks County food pantries.

Events – Joyce Helstrom – We are taking registration for March 29th. Pat Clayton will be doing a guided sew for a child's book pillow and a pencil case. The cost for both is \$10. We are putting off doing a flea market until the fall to give people more time to get things together. It will probably be in late September on a Saturday with a rain date on a Saturday also. We are asking members to donate 10% of their profit to the Guild. We're hoping for 15 to 20 people participating. If anyone would like to do a guided sew, please let Joyce know.

Marilyn Lopez said that she has a nice group participating in Moda Blockheads. If anyone else is interested in participating, please sign up.

Historian/Ambassador – Nancy Williams – Nancy handed out copies of the yearbook to those who had ordered them. Membership – Helen Haun/Lois Moore – There were 59 people in attendance at this meeting, plus three members on Zoom, for a total of 62. We have a new member this evening, Sherry Voorhees.

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

Philanthropy – Barb Lewis/Barb Gleason – Philanthropy Day will be next Thursday, March 20th from 10:00 - 2:00.

Publicity/Crafts – Liz Watson – Liz has new business cards showing the new address. Anyone who would like some, please see Liz.

Raffle & Challenge Quilt – Ellen Cicak – At the April meeting there will be sign-up for crafts for the Quilt Show. Ellen said that we need to name the Quilt and requested that members think of a name. We will vote at the next meeting.

Sunshine – Dee Carr – No cards were sent out this month.

Website – Marilyn Malik – Carol reminded everyone that instructions for Philanthropy projects are on the website.

Technology – Emily Kane – If there are any issues with Zoom, please let Carol know.

Quilt Show – Marilyn Lopez – Marilyn Lopez has volunteered to be in charge of the Quilt Show. Carol said that we are trying to organize items and have various people store them in their houses rather than having one person store everything. Marilyn is looking for people to volunteer for various committees. Several people are needed to volunteer for the boutique. We will need 5 or 6 people to house items and about three people to organize. Please see the newsletter for open committee positions. The Quilt Show will be held on April 27 and 28, 2026, with set up on April 26th.

Venue – Carol Cotter – Carol said that there were some wonderful get-togethers this month, including Philanthropy – tying quilts with the Mennonite sisters; open Sew Day; and Moda Blockheads.

New Business: Carol listed some upcoming events, as follows: •  
Homemaker's Quilt Show – April 4-5 •  
Airing of Quilts in Palmerton – May 3  
• Bus trip to Virginia Quilt Show – June 25 and 29 •  
Buckingham-Trinity Lutheran Church Quilt Show – April 26 •  
Shwenkfelder Show and Sale –

May 16-17 Carol asked that people send these dates to Jacob so they can be in the newsletter.

Carol said that next month we will revise the By-laws at the Executive Meeting, then will bring them to the General Meeting for discussion/vote. The By-laws will be sent out in the Blast next month.

Show and Tell – There was no Show and Tell this month, but members should send pictures to Ellen of two items they made for Philanthropy for a Power Point presentation next month.

Drawings – Fat Quarters: Suzie Sergeant – 16 light blue fat quarters  
Next month's color will be turquoise.

Gift Cards:

Lois Moore – Byrnes

Lynn Holtzman – Stitch Central

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

Respectfully submitted,

Vickie Detwiler, Secretary

## **GUILD HAPPENINGS**

### **Programs**

April 14 Meeting:

Member Show and Tell:

It's time for all of us to share our talents with the group. We would like each member of the guild to bring two quilts to show and talk about for a few minutes. In addition, a slide show of some of the items donated to Philanthropy in March will be shown. A small gift will be given to each participant.



May 12 Meeting:

Rebecca Penniston, AKA "Razbeca" will talk about her colorful mini quilts and techniques. You may view her work at her Etsy shop, Facebook and Instagram.



June 9 meeting:

Ice Cream Social

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### **Philanthropy**

We are so thankful for all of the fantastic items you made for our charities during our hiatus. We are both busy delivering. Thank you to the ladies who came out to our last charity sew day. It was a small group, but we got a lot done. Because our next charity sew day occurs during Spring break for many, and directly on a holy day we have decided to cancel it, just for the month of April. We will have receiving blanket kits and burp cloths available at our April Guild meeting, if you would like to take some home.

We do have a new request. If you like to knit or crochet, Abington hospital is looking for baby blankets for perinatal loss. The blankets should be white or pale green or yellow and approximately 16" by 16". I know lots of you are handy, so this might be an easy project and it's certainly a worthwhile cause.

Our next charity sew day is the third Thursday, May 15. Plan to come and join us for a great time!

Thanks for all you do. Our community is a happier place because of all your wonderful work!

Barb Gleason and Barbara Lewis - Philanthropy Chairs

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## Activities

The Fat Quarter Color for April is TURQUOISE.

Bring 2 turquoise fat quarters to the April meeting and see Sue Edelman to be entered into a drawing to win one set of those received.

Also see Sue to be entered into a drawing to win a Byrnes or Stitch Central gift card. The best time to do this as you are coming into the meeting. Once the business meeting begins, it's not possible to add names to the drawing. All members are eligible to win once during each program year; the drawing occurs at meeting's end and you must be present to win. Members who attend by Zoom are also eligible to win but again, must still be on Zoom/attending the meeting at the time of the drawing.

PLEASE NOTE: A fat quarter measures 18" by 21-22" (not 12 by 20) Please don't bring pieces of fabric that are smaller than 18 X 21-22. It's not fair to the other members who participate correctly.

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## Events Committee

We are considering hosting an outside bazaar/ flea market at the church the last Saturday of September, rain date the first Saturday of October.

Members can bring a table and sell all sewing/ quilting supplies, crafts, and other items. There will be no charge for a table, but a 10% donation of sales would go to the guild. We will handle advertising.

Please let me know if you think you would like to participate.

We need to have enough participants to make it worthwhile.

Please text me with your interest at 215-512-3220

Thanks, Joyce Helstrom

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## The 2026 Quilt Show

The 2026 Quilt Show is on the calendars and we are going ahead with the dates of April 24, 25 & 26, 2026. Please save the dates on your calendar. 😊

Please consider volunteering to be a Chairperson for the Show!! We do need to get this organized as soon as possible, so let us know if you have any questions. If you have not helped with this before, there are directions /guidelines & past members to advise. It's a great way to help your guild make money for future

programs/speakers and to share our talents with the community that we support.

Remember that there also will be opportunities to assist each team by volunteering for shifts on Sat/Sun to help each committee.

We are still looking for the following help at this time:

**Boutique** - 3 more people needed

**Decorations** -1 person needed

**Door Prizes** - 2 people needed

**Layout/ Setup** - 3 more people needed

**Publicity** - 2 people needed

**Vendors** - 2 people needed

Thank you for your generosity!

Marilyn L & Marilyn M

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### **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 jdalldesignss@gmail.com



## UPCOMING QUILT SHOWS



Paducah, KY - April 22-26

Trinity Buckingham Church Quilt Show and Sale – April 26

ACS Reach to Recovery Tote Bag Sewing Day – Rydal Park & Waters

Clubhouse - May 2

Airing of the Quilts – Historic Downtown Palmerton & Palmerton High School – May 3

Schwenkfelder Library & Heritage Center hosts Penn Dry Goods Market – 105 Seminary

Street, Pennsburg – May 16 (10am – 5pm) and May 17 (10am – 3pm)

Road to Virginia Quilt Show (bus offered by Circle of Friends Quilting) – June 15-29

Lancaster, PA - Sept 10-13

PA Nat'l Quilt Extravaganza - Sept 11-14

## Notes From the Community

This note is from Neshaminy Village thanking us for our donation of Christmas trees, walker bags and fidget quilts.

