



# County Line Quilters News

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Dear CLQ Members,

Hello! Happy holidays, everyone! May all of you have a healthy and happy December with your families. At our December holiday party, in addition to your sweet/savory contributions to the food, we are asking everyone to bring as much boutique contributions as possible. We will be sorting and organizing them.

Also, please remember your food pantry donations and \$10 gift cards to Giant.

We are also doing the optional quilting related (\$15) polyanna.

We are looking forward to seeing everyone!

Happy Quilting

Bonnie Kane

President

## COUNTY LINE QUILTERS GENERAL MEETING MINUTES 11-13-2023



### Meeting Minutes

**Prior to the Speaker** – Reminder – During the break please view, admire and vote on the Challenge Quilts displayed in the back

classroom.

The meeting was called to order at 8:30PM by Vice President Liz Watson.

**Programs** – L Watson/B Miller – A big thank you to the presenters – Running With Scissors – Kathy, Ellen and Heidi. So many ideas to use panels in our quilting.

**December** – Holiday Party with sweet and savory items, games, no speaker, optional Pollyanna (sewing item with a maximum value of \$15.00).

**Secretary** – L Holtzman - There was a motion to accept the October minutes, a second and accepted. A thank you to those members that volunteered their time and talent at the American Cancer Society-Reach to Recovery Tote Bag Sewing Day on October 23<sup>rd</sup>. Save the Date – Friday April 5<sup>th</sup>, 2024 in Jenkintown.

**Treasurer** – D Beck – There was a motion to accept the October Treasurer's Report, a second and accepted.

**Membership** – H Haun/L Moore – Two (2) guests; new member – Marlene Snyder and last in person meeting for Arlene Franklin. Please pay the annual membership fee of \$35.00 to remain active and be sure to Sign In.

**Ambassador** – N Williams – no update.

**Hospitality** – B Bailey – Thank you for all the contributions. December Holiday Party – all food items should be finger foods; individual servings in cups or wrappers. Please also LABEL your item in case a member is sensitive to one of the ingredients.

**Newsletter** – J Kane – Please submit articles by Saturday, November 25<sup>th</sup>.

**Activities** - S Edelman – Thank you to Pat Kennedy's daughter who provided "sewing themed" cookies tonight. Thank you for the Pantry item donations and 23 gift cards. December is a good month for gift cards and/or paper products, cookie and cake mixes and icing. A quick cake recipe is to combine a cake mix and 12 ounces of lemon/lime soda and bake in a 9 x 13 pan.

**Website** – M Malik – Added Raffle Quilt pictures. Also added pictures and write up of the CLQ History Quilt.

**Publicity** – Chairperson needed for the Guild and the Quilt Show. Focus is on the show and E Kane, S O'Neill and J Liples have volunteered.

**Sunshine** – J Malone – cards sent to E Cicak, B Gleason and V Rudan.

**Technology** – E Kane – A reminder that January and February will be on Zoom. March will be in-person.

**Historian** – N Williams – research continues on the CLQ History Quilt.

**Quilt Show** – S O'Neill and J Liples –

**Quilt Registration** – G Tafel and B Sarafinas – form is available tonight along with an envelope to return by mail. PDF form is also on the CLQ website. Please register one (1) quilt to start with, a determination for additional quilts will be made going forward.

**Raffle Quilt Tickets** – C Cotter and J Helstrom – Please sell your packet of tickets and more packets are available.

**Mini Quilt Raffle** – M Malik – Displayed several samples. Please keep making "minis" with a maximum perimeter size of eighty (80) inches. Discounted tickets

will be sold to membership at future meetings.

**Boutique** – R Wirth, E Witowski and M Lopez – will be accepting fabric, notions and patterns at all upcoming CLQ meetings. Please use your best judgement/quality control and make sure you only donate items that you would purchase. Donating in December will allow ample time for sorting, measuring and pricing. Please do not donate broken items, household items and/or unusable/musty fabric. Please hold books and magazines until show weekend. Craft items and the Boutique are 100% profit areas. The March, 2024 General meeting will be dedicated to Quilt Show preparation. Several areas of the show will need bags. Please start collecting now.

Craft Sale at Keneseth Israel (KI) - CLQ will not be participating this year.

**Philanthropy** – B Lewis/B Gleason – Thank you to all who returned a completed project today! The monthly CLQ Charity Sewing Day at NBBC is the third Thursday of each month. The next sewing day is Thursday 11/16/2023 from 10AM – 2PM and we will be making Christmas themed placemats. This is an open invitation to all. You can pick up projects, drop off finished projects and/or pantry items. Bring your sewing supplies, your lunch and a Pantry donation item. Non-sewing jobs are also available. The next Charity Sewing Days will be Friday, 12/15/23 (fidget quilts) and Thursday, 01/18/24.

**Raffle Quilt** – G Gempesaw – All members should now have the packets of Raffle Quilt tickets to sell. Please sell as many as possible! Additional packets are available.

**Challenge Quilt** – G Gempesaw – moved to later on the agenda

**Fons & Porter** – S Clark – no updates

#### OLD BUSINESS:

**BY-LAWS** – The By-Laws were provided to all membership prior to the meeting. Question from S Trucksess – Article VII – Committees; #2; D; v. Be responsible for selling a designated number of raffle tickets when the guild has an item to raffle. This item needs to be deleted as it applies to actual membership and not the committee. A motion to delete by R Malizia, a second by E Kane and a verbal vote by membership to accept the deletion.

#### NEW BUSINESS - none

**Show and Tell** – Challenge Quilt Show and Tell – G Gempesaw – Theme of “Scrapastically Radiant.” Thirteen (13) entries by twelve (12) members. Best of Show – E Cicak – one year CLQ membership; Best Interpretation of Theme – R Wirth - \$30.00 Byrne Sewing gift card.

Monthly Drawings:

Fat Quarters – GREEN – M Wheaton –

**color for December - RED**

Byrne Gift Card – C Cotter

Stitch Central Gift Card – M Grey

**Closing Thoughts** – G Gempesaw – Will be retiring from the Raffle Quilt and Challenge Quilt positions. These areas require significant advance planning. A Thank You for the members support – Ribbons by J Malone; assistance from B Penzone and J Overberger. Thank You – Ellen Cicak and Kathy Webb (with unlimited help from Gina) for volunteering for these positions!

Meeting adjourned at 9:30PM

Submitted by,  
Lynn Holtzman/Secretary

## **PHILANTHROPY**



Thanks to the ladies who came and made the Christmas placemats. We had a wonderful time. Our next Charity Sew day has been switched to Friday, December 15 from 10 to 2. Neshamany Manor nursing home told Carol Cotter that they are in desperate need of fidget quilts , so we'll be making those on the 15th. If you've never made a fidget, come on over . Its a lot of fun.

Please return any projects you've finished because we won't have in person meetings in January or February. We'll have a few kits to take home in December if you're interested. Last week I delivered 97 pillow cases to Beds for Kids. They were so very grateful. Thanks for all you do.

Barb Gleason and Barbara Lewis - Philanthropy Chairs

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## **GUILD HAPPENINGS**

### **December Meeting**

Happy Holidays - hoping all your preparations are going well and everyone is staying healthy. Dec. 11 is our Holiday Celebration and we hope everyone can join us for fellowship and fun. If you are participating in the Pollyanna please wrap a \$15.00 sewing item to play. Collection of holiday foods for the Food Pantry, and last but not least any item you volunteered to share.

Jan. 8 we will be only on zoom and our speaker will be Denise Labadie.  
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### **December's Fat Quarter Color is RED!**

In December, please support the church's food pantry by bringing paper products such as tissues napkins, toilet paper, paper towels. Also for celebrating the holidays: cookie mixes, icing, muffin and cake mixes.

After December's meeting, we won't meet in person again until March but encourage you to continue providing food items to New Britain Baptist Church's food pantry. Items can be dropped off at the lower level entrance on Mondays and Wednesdays. A list of "always needed items" will appear in our January and February newsletters.

If you shop via Giant Direct, their handled PAPER grocery sacks are also something that the Food Pantry always needs.

Donations of Giant supermarket gift cards are very helpful at the holidays. If you'd like to donate these, you can bring them to the December meeting, OR see Lym Holtzman to purchase one on the spot for donation. Give them to Sue Edelman for collection.

Don't forget to bring TWO fat quarters to the December meeting to be entered into a drawing to win one set of all the Fat Quarters received. The color for December is RED.

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### **Food Donations for New Britain Baptist Church's Food Pantry**

in appreciation of New Britain Baptist Church's long standing relationship with our guild, we try to support them by bringing shelf stable food items and personal care items to stock the shelves of their community food pantry. They serve over 700 people a month. At each month's meeting I'll announce what to bring for the next month's donation, but if you're ever unsure of what they need, the following are ALWAYS needed.

\*\*\*\*\*Please check expiration dates as they are not allowed to distribute items that are past expiration dates.\*\*\*\*\*

Add an extra item on your shopping trip and bring them along to our monthly meetings! Leave them on the table in the kitchen.

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### **Hospitality**

We are going to be eating well at the December meeting! Many volunteers for food, plates, and clean up have stepped forward and I thank you for being so willing to help with this meeting time: Denise Beck, Nancy Phillips, Carol Cotter, Margaret Wheaton, Sue Carr, Mary Finley, Barbara Lewis, Barb Gleason, Gloria Tafel, Marilyn Malik, Barb Miller, Lynn Holtzman, Mary Beth Hoff, Mancy Williams, Suzie Sergeant, Janet Liples, Stella Bredin, Marianne Kuleba, Pat Clayton, Sue Clark, Barb Sarafinas. Don't forget to try to package things if you can for easy handling but we will have some tongs for grabbing and plenty of napkins to use to pick up treats. We have enough water for this meeting so no one has to bring any this month.

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### **New Britain Baptist Church Food Larder**

#### **Items Needed**

- Coffee/ Tea/ Hot Chocolate
- Peanut Butter 15.5oz/ Jelly 18oz
- Cookies/ Saltines/ Snacks
- Sugar (2 lb. box)/ Flour
- Ketchup/ Mayo/ Mustard/ Salad Dressing
- Canned Fruit/ Apple Sauce 23oz/ Cranberry Sauce
- Rice
- Pancake Mix
- Cereal
- Bottled Juices/ Juices boxes
- Spaghetti Sauce 24-32oz/ Pasta/ Canned Pastas
- Cake Mix/ Icing
- Canned beans/ Tomatoes
- Canned Meats/ Tuna Fish
- Soups/ Gravies/ Chicken & Beef Broths
- Jell-O

#### **Personal Care:**

- Deodorant, Shampoo, Shaving Cream, Razors, etc.
- Toothpaste/ Toothbrushes
- Toilet Paper
- Laundry Detergent/ Household Cleaning Supplies

## Membership

By now you should have received a copy of the 2023-24 Contact List for County Line Quilters.

Please review it for any corrections that are necessary and let me know via email at lomo151@gmail.com.

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## Executive Board Openings

We currently have an opening on the executive board of our Guild and we are looking for a member to fill this position! If you are interested in filling the position of Publicity Chair, please contact Bonnie Kane.

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## Fons & Porter Love of Quilting Magazine



Please subscribe or renew your subscriptions through the guild. For \$20.00 per year, (which is often less than the individual renewal amount), County Line Quilters makes \$5.00. If you have a renewal form or address label, please bring that along with your check made out to the Guild for \$20 and Susan Clark will send in your order.

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## 2024 QUILT SHOW – HELP WANTED!

We still need a Chairperson for the Publicity committee. Please consider volunteering and let Sylvia O'Neill or Janet Liples know at our next Guild meeting.

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## MINI RAFFLE QUILTS

I would like to encourage our members to make Mini Raffle Quilts for our quilt show next spring. This is a perfect way to show off your creativity and skills. AND, there will be a prize for the person getting the most tickets for their Mini!

Your Mini will need to be a maximum of 80 inches around -total. ( Add top + bottom + both sides < 80 inches) It can be any shape you like ( ie; square, rectangle, etc)

It can be pieced, appliqued, machine or hand done, wool, embroidered – whatever you desire, but it must be a quilt. And of course, you are not limited to just one Mini. We'd love to see your talented works!

Tickets will be sold for raffling off the Mini-quilts in advance and also at the Quilt Show itself. As time gathers nearer, we'll need some volunteers at the Mini Quilt table to assist with selling tickets.

Thank you in advance for your generosity to CLQ!

Marilyn Malik

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## **2024 QUILT SHOW BOUTIQUE**

We, (Eileen, Marilyn, and Rosanna) have been collecting items for the Quilt Show Boutique. Please donate fabric and usable notions that are sewing/crafting related. We ask that you do not tape up the fabric. Books and magazines are very heavy and we ask that you hold them until the last minute. We will let you know in the spring what to do with them. We have been receiving them even though we asked that you wait.

Please remember that we are not meeting in person in Jan, Feb, and March. If you would be able to bring your items in November and December, we'd appreciate it, so that we could get a jump on the organizing. Also, if you need for one of us to meet you, please feel free to reach out....our emails and phone numbers are available on the member list.



One more thing, if you are a member at Costco, please pick up some of the following boxes. We think they would be great for organizing the fabric.

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## **MYSTERIOUS QUILT FOUND IN CLOSET**

A quilt bearing the County Line Quilters Logo, and blocks representing all phases of Pennsylvania, was recently discovered in our closet at the Baptist Church. Since there was no identifying tag on the back, as Historian, I was given the task of discovering its origins. After spending time on the phone and computer with email talking to several charter members of the Guild and others present at the founding, I learned that the quilt came about through a logo contest held by the Guild. Pat Goltshalk was the winner, and provided the logo in the middle of the quilt. The rest of the blocks were made by members of the Guild. She assembled the quilt around 1992. The quilt went missing in 2001 when it was to be displayed at one of our quilt shows.

I also learned that within the Guild at that time, there were subgroups of 12 ladies who would take on the tasks of quilting the raffle quilts and whatever tasks were needed. There were 2 groups: The Lavender Hill Group, and the Crazy 12 Group.

There is still a mystery to be solved- I have yet to discover who hand quilted this beautiful quilt! It may have been one person or several. I have a few more former members to contact and hopefully one of them will be able to enlighten us.

Nancy Williams, Historian

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## **UPCOMING QUILT SHOWS**



### Quilt Exhibit at the Schwenkfelder Museum

Beginning September 22nd and running through May 2024, the Schwenkfelder Library and Heritage Center in Pennsburg PA will feature an exhibit of Nancy Roan's quilts: "A Loving Tribute To a Quilty Lady: Nancy Roan's Quilts"

Nancy was a prolific quilter, instrumental in documenting quilts of the Southeast Pennsylvania region through her book "Lest I Shall Be Forgotten", a founding member of the Variable Stars Quilt Guild, and documentarian of Pennsylvania German life and traditions. She passed away earlier this year and the museum is honoring her memory with this exhibit of some of her quilts.

Admission to the museum, located at 105 Seminary Street Pennsburg PA, is FREE with donations appreciated. Open daily except for Mondays.

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## **NOTES FROM OUR MEMBERS**

I have a friend who is trying to find a good home for his Mother's treadle machine and cabinet. Selling price is \$75 (which is negotiable). Please call me if you are interested. Joyce Overberger, 215-343-2910. Thank you.

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ROAD TRIP!!

Just because we're not having an in-person meeting in January doesn't mean we can't get together!!

I'm going up to the Schwenkfelder Museum in Pennsburg PA to see the Nancy Roan quilt exhibit on



WEDNESDAY JANUARY 24, 2024

Who would like to join me?

Details on the exhibit: "A Loving Tribute To A Quiltie Lady: The Quilts Of Nancy Roan" contains 26 quilts made by Nancy. Until she passed away last year, she was actively involved in the local quilt world and the historic recreation of daily life in the Pennsylvania German community. Her book "Lest I Shall Be Forgotten" documented quilt styles of the Montgomery County area. The exhibit at the Schwenkfelder Library and Heritage Center (105 Seminary Street Pennsburg PA 18073) runs until April 14 2024, but I could use a break from the winter doldrums and would love some company!

Email me if you're interested in coming along - wilkin01@hotmail.com Once I know who and how many want to attend, we can figure out a place to meet and carpool up to Pennsburg. Projected departure time is 10AM. After viewing the quilt exhibit and other things in the museum, we could go out for lunch at a local restaurant. All this is of course weather dependent but we'll hope for a cold but dry day on January 24

There is no entrance fee for the museum but donations are welcome and appreciated.

Sue Edelman

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Beryl Stine has a friend who is selling a Juki sewing machine. If you are interested, contact Beryl Stine.

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I would like to thank everyone for the sympathy cards in memory of my much loved sister in law. I was so very touched by your kindness. Barb Gleason

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