

County Line Quilters News

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Dear CLQ Members,

Hello, everyone! Hopefully, now that winter has set in, you all are finding lots of time to quilt.

We will be 100% on zoom for this month's meeting. If you have questions about connecting via zoom, please refer back to the zoom instructions in the January newsletter. Philanthropy will still be meeting at the church on their usual day and time. Please see their section of the newsletter for more details.

We will meet again in March at the church for our regular meeting and we will be focusing on getting ready for our Quilt Show in May. If you have any more donations for the boutique, then the March meeting is when you should bring in all of your fabrics, notions, tools, and patterns. Please do not bring in books and magazines in March. They are very heavy in bulk, and we will have you bring them to the church during the quilt show set up.

We will not be doing fat quarters during February. We will be doing the other door prizes. The food pantry will still be accepting donations, more information is available on the CLQ website.

Sylvia and Janet are asking all of the Quilt Show Chairpeople to attend a Quilt Show meeting on Monday, February 19, 2024, at 7 pm at NBBC. This will allow them to coordinate all the committees and to make sure that everyone is up to date on their information, etc. Thank you to all our committee chairpeople, who have been working so hard to keep everything running smoothly.

We look forward to seeing everyone for our monthly meeting on Monday February 12, 2024, on zoom. Thank you and please stay safe!

Happy Quilting,

Bonnie Kane, President



COUNTY LINE QUILTERS GENERAL MEETING MINUTES 1-8-2024



Meeting Minutes

The (zoom) meeting was called to order at 7:00PM by President Bonnie Kane.

Programs – L Watson/B Miller – February 2024 will be Kelly Aston with 60 Degrees of Inspiration.

Secretary – L Holtzman – There was a motion to accept the December, 2023 minutes, a second and accepted.

Treasurer – D Beck – There was a motion to accept the December, 2023 treasurer's report, a second and accepted.

Membership – H Haun/L Moore – 48 members in attendance including new member Gina Shorts.

Ambassador – N Williams – No update.

Hospitality – B Bailey – Will resume in March, 2024.

Newsletter – J Kane – Please submit articles by Thursday, January 25th, 2024.

Activities – S Edelman – Fat Quarter for March, 2024 – WHITE. There is a road trip planned for Wednesday January 24th, 2024 to the Schwenkfelder Library and Museum to view quilts by Nancy Roan. When meetings are on zoom, the monthly drawings will be chosen by random generator with the guidance of E Kane. B Kane has an issue of Quiltfolk which will be added to the drawings in April, 2024.

Website – M Malik – Uploaded pictures of fidget quilts created during the Charity Sew Day in December, 2023.

Publicity – E Kane – Working with S O'Neill and J Liples for the Quilt Show.

Sunshine – J Malone – No update. (That's a good thing!)

Technology – E Kane - A Zoom tutorial was included with the January, 2024 newsletter. A thank you to Emily from Bonnie Kane for the effort on that project.

Historian – N Williams – No update.

Quilt show – S O’Neill and J Liples – The Quilt Registration form is available. Hopefully a registration from each member. Be sure to check your personal “stash” for items to be donated to the Boutique or Craft Table. Please bring these items to the March, 2024 (in-person) meeting.

Philanthropy – B Lewis/B Gleason – Next Charity Sewing Day is Thursday January 18th, 2024. We will be making fidget quilts (placemat size with multiple textures) for donation to Neshaminy Manor. The guild has plenty of supplies (5” squares, embellishments and backings). An email reminder will be sent in advance. C Cotter to send M Malik several pictures of walker bags to post on the website.

Raffle/Challenge Quilts – E Cicak/K Webb – Not in attendance.

Fons & Porter Subscription – S Clark – Not in attendance.

OLD BUSINESS – none

NEW BUSINESS –

B Sarafinas – We need quilt registrations! All skill levels, any size, this is not a juried quilt show. Prior challenge and/or mystery quilts; block of the month; a shop hop quilt, etc.

C Cotter – question to M Malik – does she manage the Facebook page – no. E Kane does not have a login. K Acker to update and provide the password to B Kane and E Kane. C Cotter is requesting that the FB page be updated with the Quilt Show information.

M Malik – Quilt Show Mini’s – please keep making and submitting mini’s so that we can have a successful and profitable mini quilt raffle.

Monthly Drawings:

Fat Quarters will resume in March, 2024.

Byrne Gift Card – G Tafel

Stitch Central Gift Card – M Finley

Meeting adjourned at 9:00PM

Submitted by,

Lynn Holtzman/Secretary

PHILANTHROPY



Thank you to all the ladies who came to charity sew day in January. We had such a good time making fidget quilts. Special thanks to Carol Cotter for dropping them off at Neshaminy Manor.

Our February sew day is the third Thursday, February 15 from 10 to 2. We'll be making baby blankets. If you've never made one before come join us. Its a lot of fun. Bring your machine, sewing supplies and your lunch. You can drop off any completed projects if you wish.

Barb Gleason and Barbara Lewis - Philanthropy Chairs

GUILD HAPPENINGS

January Meeting

Hope everyone is doing well. This months' presentation is Kelly Aston talking about Sixty Degree's of Inspiration. I hope everyone can join by zoom at 7:00pm on February 12th. Please keep in mind all hands on deck for our meeting in March. We will be preparing for our quilt show in May. Hope everyone has some time during these dreary days to do some sewing. Take care and we will see you all on zoom. Thanks.

Activities

As we won't have an in person meeting until March 2024, there is no Fat Quarter Drawing in January and February. The Fat Quarter color for March's in person meeting is WHITE. Bring two white fat quarters and see Sue Edelman to be entered into a drawing to win one set of the fat quarters received.

Collection of items for the New Britain Baptist Church Food Pantry similarly will resume at our March meeting. However, if your travels take you to the area before March, you can leave donations of shelf stable food items in the gray bin outside of the Food Pantry office on the ground floor. A list appears in our newsletter of items that they always need. Additionally, you can mail them financial contributions (note on your check's memo line "Food Pantry") or Giant gift cards by sending them to: New Britain Baptist Church Food Pantry PO Box 5147 New Britain PA 18901

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.

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

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.

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.

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.

In March & April, I will sell discounted tickets for our fabulous mini-quilts to guild members. I'll display some mini's & set up a sales station to sell tickets at these in person guild meetings. Take advantage of this GREAT deal while you can!!

The Pre-Show prices are as follows:-- 3 tickets for \$1, 18 tickets for \$5 and 50 tickets for \$10.

At the show prices are as follows -- 2 ticket for \$1, 12 tickets for \$5 and 32 tickets for \$10.

Thank you in advance for your generosity to CLQ!

Marilyn Malik

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.

NOW IS THE TIME TO REGISTER YOUR QUILT FOR OUR SHOW!

Our May show is fast approaching and we need you to submit your quilt registration forms so we can begin planning the show layout. Even if your quilt is not 100% finished, you should register it now. You'll have time to finish the quilting, binding etc. before May. Our goal is to have every member represented. Your entry doesn't have to be a really large quilt. We welcome wall hangings, table toppers, baby quilts, laps quilts, etc. We welcome quilters of all abilities, from beginners to professionals. So print out those forms and get them returned to Gloria Tafel or Barb Sarafinas!

At our February meeting, based on the number of registrations received, we'll let you know whether members can submit a second quilt. Also, all quilts should have some sort of label on the back. Large bed quilts are best hung by a sleeve. The sleeve can be temporary or permanent (see PDF instruction sheet from AQS for reference) Smaller quilts do not require a sleeve.

MYSTERIOUS QUILT PART 2

This article is a follow-up to the previous story about the mysterious quilt that was found in the closet at the Baptist Church where we hold our meetings. I spent most of the snow day we just experienced on the phone with older members and founders of our guild, pursuing the origin of the quilt, and who was responsible for the hand quilting. I think I have solved the mystery! In the process, I learned quite a bit about the early years of our Guild.

Helen Devlin was a delight to talk to. She is 96 years old and still quilting! She goes every Tuesday to Carversville Church and quilts with others on a quilt donated to the church. Louise Geesamen is 81 years old and has fond memories of the Crazy 12 group within the CLQ organization. She was also part of a group of just Montgomery County women called The Material Girls. She is a past president. Back then, when the Board met, it was a dinner meeting. She still goes to OC New Jersey with several of the ladies twice a year! Barbara Harrison is 85 years old and was part of group called The Charm Girls when charm squares were a new thing. They would meet and exchange them to increase their stash. She still is a very active quilter and didn't start quilting until she was 52! Her group within the guild was called The Time Travelers.

Back to the question of who quilted our mysterious quilt. There are two theories: Back then, when there was a quilt to be quilted, someone would take it home and hand quilt it as much as they could in one month. It was then returned the next month and another person would take it home and work on it. The other theory is that members met at someone one's home each month and quilted it

together. So, in the end, more than one person finished our lovely quilt. It was a collaborative effort! The quilt was designed by Pat Gottshalk around the year 1992-1993 and she created the logo in the center.

Nancy Williams-Historian

UPCOMING QUILT SHOWS



Quilts in Wonderland

On Saturday, April 13th and Sunday, April 14th, the Beachplum quilters of the Jersey Shore will be hosting their guild's show at Toms River Elks Lodge #1875, 600 Washington Street, Toms River, N.J. 08753. \$10 admission, free parking, handicap accessible.

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.

The Penn Dry Goods Market returns to the Schwenkfelder Library/Heritage Center

On Friday May 31 and Saturday June 1.

Of special note, Pat and Arlan Christ will be there both days with a Quilt Turning event focused on The Valley Quilts of Berks County. The Christs have previously presented quilts from their vast collection at our guild and at the former Quilt Odyssey (Hershey) Show. Their events are sure to be popular so register quickly!

Check the Schwenkfelder website for a full list of lectures at the Dry Goods Market, and to register online. In addition to the wonderful lectures, your class fee includes entry to the vendor hall with its fascinating display of antique textiles.

[Penn Dry Goods Market — Schwenkfelder Library and Heritage Center](#)

NESHAMINY MANOR DONATION

In early December, the Guild donated items that members had made at the Charity Sew Day to Neshaminy Manor. Thanks to everyone for their hard work!

37 Christmas trees

20 wheelchair quilts

2 small lap quilts

19 walker bags



NOTES FROM OUR MEMBERS

Postponed!!!

The planned visit to the Schwenkfelder Library/Heritage Center to see the Nancy Roan quilts has been POSTPONED.

New date is Wednesday February 28 2024. Email Sue Edelman (wilkin01@hotmail.com) if you'd like to come along!

Do You Know Anyone That Could Use This Quilting Table?

Please email shortsfamily@aol.com

Gina doesn't need one of her quilting tables any more and we're wondering if anyone in the guild could use it. The left and right sides of the table can either be put up or folded down. If a side is put up, it's supported by a leg that can roll/fold to the center and out of the way when the side is put down. A picture is attached with the left side up and the right side down.

When the left and right sides are both up, it's 59 inches wide x 36 inches deep. When both sides are down, it's 13.25 inches wide x 36 inches deep. It's 35.5 inches tall.

If you have any questions about it, please let us know. Also, if nobody can use it, that's fine, we just wanted to check before doing something else with it.