



County Line
Quilters **News**

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Hello CLQ members,

Welcome to March! March is National Quilting Month and March 16 is National Quilting Day. We hope that this inspires you to make or finish at least one quilt or quilted project.

Our March meeting will be in person at the New Britain Baptist Church. The purpose of this meeting will be to do as much preparation of the fabric for the boutique at our quilt show in May. We are asking that as many members attend the March meeting as possible. Many hands make light work. Please bring with you, if possible, a medium size cutting mat, a 6x24 ruler, and a rotary cutter with a fresh blade. We are hoping to set up a minimum of 6-8 "stations", where a team will be trimming, folding, and labeling each piece of fabric. We also will have a few ironing stations for fabric that needs to be pressed.

Any fabric that you have still to donate, please bring with you to the March meeting. Also, any patterns, notions, and accessories, please bring with you. Do not bring books or magazines to the March meeting. They are too heavy for most members to lift. All books and magazines should be delivered to the quilt show on Friday, while we are doing the set up. If you have any other questions about our March meeting please let me know or contact the quilt show boutique team. Thank you!

We are also collecting the new, handmade items for our craft table. Please contact Liz Watson if you have questions about what crafts are needed.

Thank you all for your help and we look forward to seeing everyone on Monday, March 11.

Happy Quilting!

Bonnie Kane

President



COUNTY LINE QUILTERS GENERAL MEETING MINUTES 2-12-2024



Meeting Minutes

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

Programs – L Watson/B Miller – March, 2024 – Quilt Show Boutique preparation

Secretary – L Holtzman – There was a motion to accept the January, 2024 minutes, a second and accepted.

Treasurer – D Beck – There was a motion to accept the January, 2024 treasurer's report, a second and accepted.

Membership – H Haun/L Moore – 51 members in attendance.

Ambassador – N Williams – Not in attendance.

Hospitality – B Bailey – Will resume in March, 2024. A reminder will be published in the newsletter.

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

Activities – S Edelman – Fat Quarter color for March, 2024 – WHITE. There is a road trip planned for Wednesday February 28th, 2024 to the Schwenkfelder Library and Museum to view quilts by Nancy Roan. Please be sure to review the Pantry needs through the newsletter and the CLQ website. When meetings are on zoom, the monthly drawings will be chosen by random generator with the guidance of E Kane. Please remember that you are limited to one win per quilt guild year.

Website – M Malik – No changes. Bonnie indicated that the members of Newtown Quilt Guild complimented our website.

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

Sunshine – J Malone – Cards were sent to K Holmes and R Malizia.

Technology – E Kane - There were some login issues tonight. If the link sent by email is not highlighted in blue, you will need to copy/paste the link into your browser for access. Please contact Emily by email or text prior to 7:15PM for help with issues.

Historian – N Williams – Not in attendance.

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. A quilt show committee meeting was held at St Cyril's on 02/06/24. An additional quilt show committee meeting will be held Monday, February 19th at NBBC.

Quilt Registration – G Tafel/B Sarafinas – Registration has expanded from one quilt per member to two quilts per member. We are still striving for at least one per member. Be sure that your quilt has a sleeve and a label. Please deliver your quilt(s) to St Cyril's on Friday, May 3rd by 3PM. If you have delivery issues, please contact B Kane or any member of the quilt show committee.

Raffle Quilt Tickets – C Cotter/J Helstrom – Please remember that each guild member is responsible to

sell one packet of 42 tickets. Please contact us if you have not yet received your packet. Completed tickets and money will be due at the April 8th, 2024 guild meeting. The raffle quilt will be on display at the Newtown Guild and the Keystone Guild for additional ticket sales.

Volunteers – H Haun – We will need everyone's help for a successful quilt show. Please block your calendars for FRI/SAT/SUN – May 3rd, 4th and 5th to be a quilt show volunteer. Sign-up sheets will be available at the March and April meetings.

Craft items – M Snyder has various craft/sewing items that she needs help to complete and then be able to provide for the craft table. She will bring some examples to the March meeting.

Mini Quilt Raffle – M Malik – Please continue to submit mini quilts for the raffle. We currently have 24 mini quilts. Discounted tickets will be sold at the March and April meetings.

Philanthropy – B Lewis/B Gleason – Next Charity Sewing Day is Thursday February 15th, 2024. We will be making flannel receiving blankets to be donated to The Baby Bureau. An email reminder will be sent in advance. We currently have 30 placemats and will need a total of 200 by June 30th, 2024 for donation to Meals on Wheels. Please bring any and all completed projects to the March, 2024 meeting. Future charity sewing days – Thursdays –

Mar 21st, Apr 18th, May 16th and Jun 20th.

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

Fons & Porter Subscription – S Clark – Not in attendance. At the Executive Board meeting on 02/05/24 it was decided that CLQ will no longer offer this subscription. Communication with the third-party company has become extremely difficult.

OLD BUSINESS – none

NEW BUSINESS –

J Helstrom – A nominating committee of three (3) members will be needed. This has been discussed and initial members are L Watson and L Holtzman. L Watson has stepped down. Additional members are J Kane and M Malik. All CLQ members should consider their

possibility as an Executive Board member. The current committee chairs should also indicate to the nominating committee if they are willing to continue in their position for the future. Committee chairs are not voted on, they are volunteer.

Monthly Drawings:

Fat Quarters will resume in March, 2024.

Byrne Gift Card – R Wirth

Stitch Central Gift Card – S Moran

Meeting adjourned at 9:10PM

Submitted by,

Lynn Holtzman/Secretary

PHILANTHROPY



It will be great to see everyone in person in March. Please bring in any project you've finished over these past 3 months. We are particularly in need of place mats for our May/June delivery.

Our next Sew Day is the third Thursday, March 21 from 10 to 2. We had a big turnout last month and a wonderful time making receiving blankets. Special thanks to Lynn Holtzman and her crew; Barb B, Barb M, Marilyn M, Liz and Bonnie for closing up shop, so I could go to my 8th grade reunion.

Barb Gleason and Barbara Lewis - Philanthropy Chairs

GUILD HAPPENINGS

March Meeting

March's meeting will be held in person at the church and will consist of planning for the upcoming quilt show.

The Fat Quarter Drawing RETURNS!!

With the resumption of our in person meetings in March comes the return of the FAT QUARTER DRAWING ! The color for March is WHITE. Bring 2 white fat quarters and see Sue Edelman to be entered into a drawing to win one of the sets of all fat quarters received. The winner in March picks the color for April.

FOOD PANTRY DONATIONS:

Please bring non-perishable food items to the March meeting, which will be given to the food pantry at New Britain Baptist Church. See the list in our newsletter of Always Needed Items for the Food Pantry. \$10 gift cards to Giant supermarket are also always welcome. You can purchase them at our meetings from Lynn Holtzman if needed. Place food items on the table in the back of the meeting room but give gift cards to Sue Edelman for safe keeping.

Gift Card Drawings:

Members - don't forget to see Sue Edelman to enter into a drawing to win a gift card to Byrnes or Stitch Central, ideally before the meeting begins.

Hospitality

I can't believe that we are talking about refreshments for the March meeting! Winter is almost done. The ladies that signed up for bagged goods are: Nancy Williams, Kit Holmes, Jeanne Malone, Carol Cotter, Joyce Helstrom, and Ellen Cicak. Ladies that signed up to bring water are: Suzette Trucksess, Joyce Overberger, Margaret Wheaton, Marlene Snyder, and Marilyn Malik. Thanks to all of you for volunteering.

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.

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

DONATION TO NESHAMINY MANOR

Philanthropy was able to give 25 fidget quilts to Neshaminy Manor this past month. They are so grateful. Thank you to all those who helped in this endeavor!



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 (i.e.; 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

Our Quilt Show is in a few months. We are grateful for all the donations, but need much help with preparing and organizing items for sale.

At this month's meeting we will have workstations set up to press, cut and fold fabrics. Please bring your rotary cutter, 6x24 ruler and scissors.

Keep your donations coming and please hold books and magazines until April's meeting.

Thank you,

Marilyn L, Eileen and Rosanna
Boutique Committee

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) All quilts require a sleeve before being entered in the show.

QUILT SHOW RAFFLE TICKETS

A big thank you to the 25 members who have already handed both raffle tickets and money and a special thank you to those who have sold over the required number of tickets!

Carol Cotter and Joyce Helstrom will be collecting sold ticket packs and money at the March meeting. All ticket packs and money are due at our April meeting.

QUILT SHOW FLOWERS

Each year at our quilt show we use flowers as decorations. We purchase the flowers and then sell them to the members at cost, so the guild isn't out the money. I will be pre-selling petunias at our March meeting. The cost is \$4. (if you went to Homemakers show they're from the same grower). On the Sunday of the quilt show when you come to tear down and pick up your quilt, you can come to my table and get your flowers. Please come see me at the March meeting and bring your dollars. Marilyn Malik will also be selling mini tickets. Thank you!

QUILTS

All size quilts entered in the quilt show should have a sleeve on it. It can be a temporary sleeve with safety pins holding it (no straight pins please).

PUBLICITY

Help us spread the word.

At the March meeting a signup sheet will be passed around asking for everyone to sign up to pass out flyers and cards to various places you frequently visit such as craft store, libraries, senior living centers, churches, other quilt guilds, supermarkets, etc..

Please share the flyer on your Facebook page and Community Page.

QUILT SHOW FOOD

We are asking members to contribute the following items to help defray costs for food service at our upcoming quilt show:

Baked goods such as cookies, brownies wrapped in individual bags and labelled if they contain any nuts or peanuts. Gluten free items that are labeled as such would be welcomed too. Food items can be delivered on set up date, Friday May 3.

If you prefer not to bake, items such as paper towels, dish soap, cases of water, iced tea or soda would also be appreciated . These can be given to me at the March or April guild meetings.

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](#)

