

County Line Quilters News

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March 2025

Dear Ladies and Jacob,

Happy March! I am looking forward to more sunlight in the coming month!

Our March meeting will be in person at our new venue with the Zoom available for those who cannot attend in person

Doylestown Mennonite Church (DMC)

590 N. Broad St, Doylestown, PA 18901

We are asking members in come in earlier from 6:15 to 6:45PM, so items can be weighed and everyone can be seated downstairs by 7PM. We do not want the noise from the elevator or stairs to disturb the speaker. The doors will be locked at 7:10PM, so if you are late, please call Helen or Lois.

For the meeting, you will be greeted by Membership, Activities, and Events committees as you enter the building. For the Weigh to Go, you will continue down the hall to a room on your right, where Ellen and Kathy with some other members will be taking your philanthropy items to count and weigh. Please fill out the attachment Jacob is sending with your name and list of numbered items you are donating. This will help speed the process for everyone. I cannot wait to see the volume of our group's donations!

We will be having a special snack for everyone at our March meeting.

We will not be sharing our philanthropy items for Show and Tell at the March meeting. Please take a photograph of your favorite 2 items and email them to Ellen Cicak. She will put the photos together for a presentation in April.

Our speaker, Lois Mease, this month will be discussing color. A color wheel would be extremely helpful to have in your hands. You can download one off the internet or Lois will have some for sale at our meeting.

We will be accepting Giant gift cards for the Bucks County Food Pantries. The New Britain Food Pantry is one of the many pantries under them. Light blue is the fat quarter for March, bring in two.

Philanthropy and Events committees hosted three sewing and social opportunities this past month.

We had a wonderful get together on Zoom presenting our Moda Block of the Month on Saturday, March, 15th. Thank you Marilyn Lopez and Joanne D'Allura for organizing and hosting us! It was great to see the plethora of color waves chosen by our members and listening about their choices, difficulties, and successes. For the philanthropy day held at the DMC, we assisted Lois and Freida in knotting quilts for their mission work. We had a great time working with the ladies and socializing, too! Saturday, March 22nd, we had a Sew Fun Day. Many of the ladies attending were busily sewing their Weigh to Go philanthropy items while socializing and sharing. It was a great day had by all!

Take advantage of the sewing opportunities coming up in this next month!

March 15th, Saturday 10-11AM- Moda Blockhead

March 20th, Thursday 10AM-2PM, bring lunch and sewing equipment- Philanthropy Day

March 29th, Saturday 10AM-3PM, Make a book pillow and pencil case. Please contact Joyce Helstrom or sign up at the meeting, if you want to participate.

Sylvia O'Neil has stepped down from heading the quilt show, but Marilyn Lopez has agreed to step up and chair this endeavor. Thank you, Marilyn! The quilt show will be April 25, 26, and 27, 2026. We are still in need of some committee heads- Boutique, Mini Quilts, Quilt Registration, Publicity, Decorations, Door

Prizes, Volunteers, Decorations, Quilt Layout, and Set Up. If you would like to help chair or co-chair one of these committees, please contact Marilyn Lopez.

Looking forward to seeing you all in person Monday, March 10, 2025!

Our lives are like quilts- bits and pieces, joy and sorrow, stitched with love.

Carol Cotter

COUNTY LINE QUILTERS GENERAL MEETING MINUTES 2-10-2025



Meeting Minutes

The meeting was held on

The meeting was called to order by President Carol Cotter at 7:00 p.m. The

Zoom.

President Carol Cotter welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Vice President Denise Beck introduced the speaker, Kris O'Neill, owner of Sew the Distance, who spoke about Scrap Management.

Carol welcomed two new visitors, Karen Saalfrank and Guy Bush.

Vice Presidents – Denise Beck/Stella Bredin – Denise said that speakers have been set up for next month, which will be Color Theory. Stella recommended that members bring a color wheel if they have one; otherwise, the speaker will have them for sale. Denise said that the April meeting will feature a Members' Showcase.

Secretary – Vickie Detwiler – A Motion was made by Suzie Sergeant and seconded by Nancy Williams to accept the Minutes of the January 13th meeting. The Motion passed.

Treasurer – Kathy Webb – A Motion was made by Joyce Helstrom and seconded by Denise Beck to accept

the Treasurer's Report. The Motion passed.

Activities – Sue Edelman – Carol explained that if you are a member, your name will be put into a random drawing for gift cards. Next month's meeting will be in person at the new church and the fat quarter color will be light blue.

Communications – Jeanne Malone – The Blast deadline is March 5th. When you respond to something in the Blast, please reply to the person who originated the information.

Events – Joyce Helstrom – Joanne said that the first Moda Blockheads would be this coming Saturday and that she will send out the link for the Zoom meeting. If anyone still wants to sign up, it is not too late. So far 30 people have signed up. We will be making a block a month for the next 12 months. Joyce thanked everyone who helped prepare fabric for the I Spy workshop. We had a full house and she thinks everyone enjoyed themselves. The following events are upcoming:

- February 22 – Sit and Sew, \$10, bring lunch and whatever you would like to work on.

Please text Joyce if you would like to participate.

- March 8 – Kristin Kern will be doing a guided class for a child's bucket hat.

- March 29 – Pat Clayton will do a guided class for a Book Pillow and Fabric Pencil Case (with Velcro). Either of these items would be good for the next quilt show.

- April 26 – Sit and Sew

- May 17 (rain date May 24) – Flea Market. We are working on the details.

- June 14 – Sit and Sew. Also, Ellen and Kathy will be doing a demo on 180 Rulers.

If you have anything you would like to teach for a guided sew, please let Joyce know. Her phone number is 215-512-3320.

Joyce said that the trip to Tillie's Tea Room had to be cancelled but they gave us a new date of

October 19th. Details will be upcoming.

Historian/Ambassador – Nancy Williams – Nancy will be distributing the yearbooks at the March meeting to anyone who ordered one.

Membership – Helen Haun/Lois Moore – There were 59 people in attendance at this meeting, including 57 members and two guests. Lois requested members to review their information on the Membership list that was distributed to make sure it is correct.

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

Facebook – Kathy Acker – No report.

Philanthropy – Barb Lewis/Barb Gleason – Barb Gleason said that we will have a full house on February 20th for tying with the Mennonite ladies. If you are interested in coming, there will be other things that need to be done. If anyone has sheets they are not using, please donate them; however, not white sheets or sheets with holes or stains.

Publicity/Crafts – Liz Watson – We have new business cards which she will bring to the March meeting. If anyone would like some, please let her know. Liz and Joanne went through all of the crafts bins – they went from eight bins to three. There will be sign-up sheets at the March meeting so that members can sign up to make a certain number of various items needed. Carol requested that this be done at the April meeting since we have a lot going on in March. Also, she asked that the categories be mentioned in the newsletter so that people can think about it ahead of time and decide what they would like to sign up for.

Raffle & Challenge Quilt – Ellen Cicak – Ellen said that hopefully everyone is getting ready for the Weigh to Go Challenge in March. The Raffle Quilt should be headed to the quilter soon. Carol asked Stella if she could still use Moontime Bags. Stella said that she can.

Sunshine – Dee Carr – Dee has not heard from anyone, so nothing has been sent out.

Website – Marilyn Malik – Carol said that Marilyn has done a wonderful job organizing items for the calendar. All the instructions are on the website for Weigh to Go and Philanthropy items. Marilyn will be taking pictures of Weigh to Go items.

Technology – Emily Kane – If anyone is having problems with technology to please let Carol know.

OLD BUSINESS:

Venue – Carol Cotter – Carol said that we will be going to the new location for meetings beginning in March. The address is: Doylestown Mennonite Church, 590 North Broad Street, Doylestown, PA. We have had two functions there so far and people have found it comfortable, with lots of room and good lighting. Carol thanked Kathy Webb for the I Spy workshop. Joyce donated a lot of fabric for this project. Carol explained the procedure for the March meeting since we will be at the new venue and also having the Weigh to Go Challenge. On the first floor will be Membership and Activities; the weigh-in for the challenge will be down the hall in the room on the right. The meeting will take place downstairs – there are stairs and also an elevator. There will

be no Show and Tell for the challenge items; however, you can take a picture of two of your favorite items and there will be a Power Point in April. Doors will be locked at 7:10; if you arrive after that, there will be a phone number to call to get in. Board members should arrive 6:00-6:15; general membership 6:15-6:45 for weigh-in. There will be a special snack in honor of the weigh-in.

Quilt Show – Sylvia O'Neill – We had a successful 2024 quilt show and that we hope to replicate it for 2026. This is a good event to build community and get to know others. Sylvia said that at this point we are looking for volunteers to chair various committees.

I-Spy – Joyce thanked the eleven people who helped to cut up fabric ahead of time.

Show and Tell – There was a Power Point presentation of quilts that members have made.

Drawings – Gift Cards: Jacob Kane – Byrnes

Betsy Penzone – Stitch Central

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Vickie Detwiler, Secretary

GUILD HAPPENINGS

Programs

March speaker: (in person at Doylestown Mennonite Church) Lois Mease,
www.riverlawnquilting.com

Color Confidence for Quilters.

Created by Shannon Brinkley, taught by Lois Mease

Class Description

In this program, quilters will learn about hue, color harmony, and balance. We'll explore the science of color and the art of trusting our intuitive inner artist. We will do several exercises that will literally train our eyes to distinguish subtle differences in color, value, and saturation. This program is practical, concrete, and fun. It is appropriate for quilters who have no idea how to use a color wheel and only trust themselves to use precuts. It is also helpful for quilters with a great eye for color who are looking to create more interesting, dynamic palettes and develop a signature style. And it will be good for everyone in between!

Students will learn:

- Color Theory basics
- How to use a color wheel to choose fabrics
- Classic Color Palettes
- How to use hues and values to make your quilts interesting
- The key role tone plays, and how to use saturation and clarity to pair fabrics beautifully
- How to use contrast and harmony to create a balanced quilt

It is helpful for students to have a Color Wheel or Color Tool. The instructor will bring color wheels for purchase ranging from \$5-20 at the meeting. You can pay for them via cash or Venmo. If you pay cash, the tax will not be charged. There is no obligation to purchase or bring a color wheel if choose not to.

April 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 Speaker

Rebecca Penniston – Artist, Quilter, & Story Teller

When Rebecca was about 9 years old, her grandmother taught her to sew. She has sewn clothing & craft items since then. She attended DePauw University where she received a liberal arts degree & a major in ceramics.

While at DePauw, she met Anneke Herrold, a fiber artist, and was inspired by her use of bold color. She knew that one day she would combine her own love of sewing, fabric, and use of other media to create art.

Fast forward about 40 years... Rebecca retired and now creates bold colorful mini quilts, and RazBeca quilting patterns and applique pages.



- Every pattern or applique page includes a background story about the featured bird.

- You never know what these lovable birds will be up to next! How fun is that?

Rebecca's patterns and applique pages are sold through her RazBeca Etsy shop. There are now flocks of her crazy little wonky birds all over the USA, and around the world, including Australia, New Zealand, Canada, England, Ireland, Germany, France, Slovenia, Ecuador, South Africa, and more.

Rebecca resides in Coatesville, PA where she enjoys participating in her community quilt group. She loves bright colors & bold prints (whether on paper or fabric) and she is an avid Freddy Moran fan.

Philanthropy

Thank you to everyone who came for our last charity sew day. We had a great time tying 6 quilts for the Mennonite sisters. Lynn was able to bind two of them as well. We really accomplished a great deal.

Our next charity sew day is the third Thursday, March 20 from 10 to 2. We will be making flannel receiving blankets for The Baby Bureau. If you've never made one come and join us for a fun day!

Can't wait to see everyone at our March meeting!

Barb Gleason and Barbara Lewis - Philanthropy Chairs

P.S. – We received an email from One House at a Time (OHAAT) which is the agency that oversees beds for kids. They reported to us that they gave out 2,923 bed sets, which include bed, mattress, sheets, pillow cases, blankets and/or quilts, toothbrush and books for each recipient. They work with children up to age 18. We have donated hundreds of pillow cases and several quilts.

Activities

The fat quarter color for March 2025 is LIGHT BLUE. Bring TWO light blue fat quarters (18 X 22) to the March 10 meeting and see Sue Edelman to be entered into a drawing to win one set of what's received.

Members should also see Sue (BEFORE THE INTERMISSION BREAK !!!) to fill out a ticket to be eligible to win either a Byrnes or Stitch Central gift card. If you don't fill out a ticket, your name is not included in the end of the meeting drawing. The best time to do this is as you come into the meeting, when you check in with Membership and retrieve your name badge.

Website

Please make sure to refer to the Philanthropy page of the website (countylinequilters.org) for directions on many of our charity projects. You will need to scroll down the page.

Also, recently added is a guide to making Cuddle Hearts/Bonding Hearts for the NICU.

WEIGH TO GO!

We're so excited to see the philanthropy projects you're bring for the big weigh-in at the March meeting.

In order to have our weigh-in go as quickly as possible, please fill out the Weigh-In form (provided as a separate attachment) and bring it along with your donations to the March meeting. You only need to enter your name and the quantity of each item you've made. We have the original fabric weight, so no need to worry about filling that in. Just enter your name and the quantity of donations by type and we'll take it from there. Don't have access to a

printer? No problem, we'll bring extra Weigh-In forms that can be filled out when you arrive.

We'll be opening the doors at 6:15 PM, so arriving early will give you time to submit your entries and be on time to our first meeting in our new space!

Thanks in advance to all who are participating in this worthwhile challenge. We appreciate all of you.

Kathy Webb and Ellen Cicak

RAFFLE QUILT - LET'S NAME THAT QUILT

The raffle quilt is assembled and on its way to the quilters, so it's time to NAME THAT QUILT! Have a great idea for a name? Please submit your ideas to Kathy or Ellen so we can vote on the name at our April meeting.

Kathy Webb and Ellen Cicak

The 2026 Quilt Show

Please consider volunteering to be a chairman for a committee for the Quilt Show. The following committees still need someone.

Boutique - Collect, store, organize and price donations for the Show.

Mini Quilt - Collect mini quilts to be raffled at the Show.

Vendors - Hire vendors to sell products at the show.

Quilt Registration - Plan for the registration, collection and return of quilts being displayed at the Show.

Door Prizes - Solicit a variety of items to use for door prizes.

Volunteers- Sign up and organize volunteers for the Show.

Decorations - Plan decorations for the floor of the Show. This has included purchasing fresh flowers.

Quilt Layout - Plan the layout of the show.

Set Up - Organize volunteers to set up the Show using the layout.

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



Lancaster-Lebanon, PA - March 26-29

Homemakers Guild - April 4-5

Paducah, KY - April 22-26

Lancaster, PA - Sept 10-13

PA Nat'l Quilt Extravaganza - Sept 11-14