

# County Line Quilters News

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Dear CLQ Members

Welcome to the “Merry Month of May” for those of you that are Camelot fans. Happy Mother’s Day to all of you who are mothers and grandmothers. We hope that all of you are enjoying the spring weather and getting to do some extra quilting (or whatever brings you joy).

We are looking forward to seeing everyone in person at the New Britain Baptist Church on Monday, May 8, 2023, at 7pm. We hope to see you all there. Our speaker will be Linda Martin-Mills and she will be speaking on “Kindness, Compassion, and Quilting”.

We want to give an extra special thank you to Liz Watson and Barb Miller and the board for leading the meeting in April. They did a great job under difficult circumstances. And we need to send a special thank you to Lois Moore for her unending dedication to updating our by-laws, which hopefully will be voted on at May’s meeting.

Also, at May’s meeting, we absolutely must have a new treasurer. If no one volunteers to be treasurer, I will be obligated to choose someone myself. So, if we could have a volunteer for treasurer, it would be most appreciated.

Thank you and I look forward to seeing you all on May 8.

Happy Quilting!

Bonnie Kane

President



## COUNTY LINE QUILTERS GENERAL MEETING MINUTES 4-10-2023



### Meeting Minutes

**Speaker** – Gina Gempesaw gave a great presentation about Borders and Bindings. She encouraged us to think outside the border and demonstrated many different ways to finish our quilts.

The meeting was called to order at 8:40PM by Vice President Liz Watson.

**Programs** – L Watson/B Miller – May speaker will be Linda Martin Mills with a topic of Kindness, Compassion and Quilting. The meeting will be in person.

**Secretary** – L Holtzman - There was a motion to accept the March minutes, a second and accepted.

**Treasurer** – S Trucksess – Any questions regarding March report as published? Suzette indicated she will add what budget category each transaction is assigned to. There was a motion to accept the March treasurer's report, a second and accepted.

**Membership** – H Haun/L Moore – New member, Kat McConnell and two guests. 52 members present.

**Ambassador** – N Williams – no update

**Hospitality** – C Cotter – May meeting will be in person. Remaining snack/drinks will be utilized. The sign-up sheet for the June Ice Cream Social will be distributed. A reminder – all drinks need to have a cap/lid/cover.

**Newsletter** – L Watson for J Kane – Please submit articles by 04/25/23

**Activities** - J Helstrom – There was a good turnout for tonight's PINK fat quarter drawing. May color is PURPLE. Please bring two fat quarters, one for the drawing and one for the raffle basket. Still in need of Raffle Basket donations. Two baskets will be raffled at the June, 2023 meeting. Tickets will be on sale at the upcoming meetings. \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00. Class two of two for the Kaleidoscope Quilt workshop will be held Saturday, April 22nd. Requests from the Food Pantry change weekly and suggested items are posted on the New Britain Baptist Church (NBBC) website and Facebook page. Gift cards in the amount of \$10.00 each from Giant Food Stores are always welcome.

**Website** – M Malik – no changes

**L Watson** – reminder that CLQ is still in need of chairpersons for these positions – Publicity, Technology, Historian and Treasurer

**Sunshine** – J Malone – A sympathy card was sent to the Kane Family.

**Quilt Show** – S O'Neill – Co-Chair will be Janet Liples. St Cyril's has confirmed the dates of May 3-5, 2024. A quote has been received from Action Party Rentals for the quilt display poles/stands, setup and take down. Need five (5) committee chairs. A follow up email was sent 04/11/2023. A quilt show chairperson meeting will be held in May, 2023. The Executive Board voted not to display/sell raffle quilt tickets at the upcoming Mancuso/Oaks Quilt Show in September, 2023. The guild will supply

raffle quilt picture postcards to advertise the CLQ Quilt Show. We will research other pathways for advertising such as, other guilds, sewing/quilting stores, social media. M Malik – Mini Quilt chairperson – A request for members to begin making Mini Quilts for the raffle. A Mini Quilt should have a maximum size of eighty inches (80") – examples – 20 x 20; 10 x 30; 15 x 25. The Mini Quilt can be any pattern/color/design, etc. Marilyn did display 15-20 samples for members to be inspired by. Please be sure to sign and date your Mini. The guild would like to have approximately fifty (50) items for the raffle. Raffle tickets will be sold to members, at a discount, prior to the quilt show dates.

**Philanthropy** – B Lewis/B Gleason – Thank you to all who returned a completed project today! Members have turned in NICU quilts, receiving blankets, placemats, walker bags, wheelchair quilts and pillowcases. These items are donated and deliveries have been made to The Baby Bureau, St Christophers Hospital for Children (CHOP), Meals on Wheels, Veterans Homes, Nursing Homes and Beds for Kids. We will find a donation point for all items. We do ask that you thoroughly inspect your items. While refolding a NICU quilt, a straight pin was found and removed. The monthly CLQ Charity Sewing Day at NBBC is the third Thursday of each month. The next sewing day is Thursday 04/20/2023 from 10AM – 2PM. This is an open invitation to all. You can pick up projects, drop off finished projects and/or pantry items. Bring your sewing supplies and your lunch. Non-sewing jobs are also available. The next Charity Sewing Day will be Thursday, 05/18/23.

**Raffle Quilt** – G Gempesaw – The quilt is a work in progress. There will be an assembly workshop day held on Wednesday, 04/12/2023 at NBBC. The

quilt is on track to be completed by 06/30/2023. We need to establish a Quilt Name and a Quilt Show Name. These decisions will be reviewed by Sylvia, Janet and Gina.

**Challenge Quilt** – G Gempesaw – The 2023 challenge will be presented by the June, 2023 meeting.

**Fons & Porter** – S Clark – not present – Start or renew your subscription through CLQ. Present a check payable to CLQ in the amount of \$20.00, the guild pays \$15.00 and earns \$5.00

#### OLD BUSINESS

**B Lewis** – a correction was published/mailed to the Mystery Quilt. Placement of the 3-1/2" cornerstones should be on the INNER BORDER. The Mystery Quilt "show and tell" will be held at the June, 2023 meeting.

#### NEW BUSINESS

**By-Laws** – L Moore – all members were emailed the latest revision (04/04/2023) of the By-Laws for review and discussion. Questions – E Cicak – (1) Will the membership be supplied with the prior version for comparison to the revised version? (2) Should the actual value of the annual dues be removed and the wording revised/made more general? L Moore – changes included the updated CLQ mailing address and a review of the pro-rated membership dues. J Helstrom made a motion to hold the vote and re-word the section that relates to the value of the membership dues. There was a second and a vote of approval.

**SHOW AND TELL** – Seven members displayed their completed quilts

**J Helstrom** – monthly drawings  
Fat Quarters – PINK – N Williams – color for May is **PURPLE**

Byrne Gift Card – L Pickett  
Stitch Central Gift Card – L Moore  
Meeting adjourned at 9:30PM.

Submitted by,  
Lynn Holtzman/Secretary

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## **PHILANTHROPY**



Thank you for returning all of the projects you worked on during the winter. We were able to make deliveries to The Baby Bureau, the Sisters of Mercy Retirement Home and Saint Christopher's Hospital NICU. Placemat deliveries resume in May. We had a small group for our charity sew day, but a new member joined us, and we had a great

time. We've been asked to make pillow cases for Beds for Kids. If you can't join us on sew day , Thursday, May 18 (10 to 2 ), please consider making some pillow cases. Thanks for all you do!

We are looking for donations of red, yellow or "manly" fabric.

Barb Gleason and Barbara Lewis - Philanthropy Chairs

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## **GUILD HAPPENINGS**

### **May Meeting**

Our May speaker is Linda Martin-Mills. She is a RN patient advocate and patient experience manager at Capital Health. Linda spoke to the guild last on February 2019. At that time her talk was "My Daddy's Stars". She will be speaking on a new subject. Her new talk is "Kindness, Compassion and Quilting". This combines her advocate heart and her quilting skills.

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### **Hospitality**

A huge Thank You to the people who brought bagged snacks or water for our April meeting. They brought so much that we have enough for our May meeting!!

In June we have our Special Sundae Social. Usually everyone brings in something for the June ice cream social. I will be bringing vanilla and chocolate ice cream for our ice cream treat. At April's meeting, many were able to sign the clipboard to bring a topping or water. I will send around the clipboard at our May meeting. If you are unable to attend in May and have not signed up yet, please contact me ,Carol Cotter, via email, phone, or text. I can also use a couple people to help clean up afterwards.

As always, you may bring in your own drink, but please bring it in a lidded container since we are not at tables.

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## Executive Board Openings

We currently have openings on the executive board of our Guild and we are looking for members to fill these positions! If you are interested in filling the position of Technology Chair, Publicity Chair, or Treasurer, 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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## County Line Quilters' Website

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A reminder that if you would like to know who the **speaker** for the month is, or what **color** for the fat quarters, or what the **food larder** would appreciate, please check out the "**Calendar and Events**" page of our website. New pictures are added periodically to the site in addition to the monthly newsletters (with the last two pages removed for privacy).

Please try to help the community Food Larder as best you are able. Food insecurity is something our neighbors shouldn't have to struggle with if we can possibly assist, even in the smallest ways. Thank you.

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## ITEM FOR SALE

A former member has a tuffet kit available. Includes the pattern and the ottoman. They can be found on eBay for \$140. She is looking for \$75 to \$100. Whatever you think is fair. Contact Barb Gleason.

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## MYSTERY QUILT 2022-2023 "SECRET IN THE SEWING BOX"

Dear Fellow CLQ Members,

This is a quick reminder for those of you working on the Mystery Quilt Challenge. Our "Mystery Quilt Reveal" is scheduled for our June 12th meeting. Keep working and have fun. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Barbara Lewis.

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## **2024 QUILT SHOW – HELP WANTED!**

The 2024 Quilt Show is underway. Please consider joining the Show board. We need Chairs for the following committees: Publicity, Bazaar, Demonstrations, Quilt Registration, Set-Up.

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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!

