

County Line Quilters News

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Dear CLQ Members,

Welcome back, everyone! We hope that you all had a good summer and were able to enjoy some quilting time.

We have a lot of fun programs scheduled for this year, including some new speakers, workshops, some demonstrations given by our members, and some activities to help us get ready for our 2024 Quilt Show.

We are looking forward to seeing our returning members and welcoming our new members.

There are a lot of projects to contribute to in order to make our Quilt Show a success and we hope that everyone will participate in however they can to make our show even more successful than 2022.

Thank you and we look forward to seeing you at our September 11, 2023 meeting at 7pm at New Britain Baptist Church.

Happy Quilting!

Bonnie Kane

“TWO QUILTERS WHO HAVE JUST MET WILL BE STRANGERS ONLY UNTIL THEIR MUTUAL PASSION FOR QUILTING IS REVEALED. THEN THEY CAN TALK FOR HOURS LIKE THE BEST OF FRIENDS”
– JENNIFER CHIAVERINI



COUNTY LINE QUILTERS GENERAL MEETING MINUTES 6-12-2023



Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 8:00PM by President Bonnie Kane.

Speaker – Ice Cream Social, Quilters Bingo, Mystery Quilt Show and Tell

Programs – L Watson/B Miller – September – Katheryn Jenson White presents Alphabet Quilts

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

Treasurer – S Trucksess – There was a motion to accept the May treasurer's report, a second and accepted. Auditors selected – Jacob Kane and Carol Cotter, to review the CLQ accounting records from 07/01/2022 thru 06/30/2023. The guild is still in need of a replacement treasurer.

Membership – H Haun/L Moore – 42 members present. Three guests. Thank you to all members that prepaid the 2023-2024 dues. Checks will be deposited after 07/01/2023. Please consider being an active member of the Executive Board.

Ambassador – N Williams – no update. Nancy will now also be the CLQ Historian.

Hospitality – C Cotter – Thank you for all the contributions for the Ice Cream Social. Be sure to take home your leftovers. This position needs to be filled. September – Please bring individually wrapped snacks and/or drinks to be shared.

Newsletter – J Kane – Please submit articles by Tuesday 08/15/23. The remainder of the year articles will be due by the 25th of each month.

Activities - J Helstrom – Raffle Basket drawing will take place at tonight's meeting. CLQ will be accepting donations for the 2024 Raffle Baskets. Please bring two fat quarters, one for the drawing and one for the raffle basket (September color is – Orange). Thank you for all of the donations for the Raffle Baskets. 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. This position needs to be filled.

Website – M Malik – Please submit any updates or changes to be posted. Please refer to the Calendar of Events to search for next month's speaker, the fat quarter color and/or items needed for the food pantry. Website was updated

to reflect the change in annual dues to \$35.00. Links were added to New Britain Baptist Church (NBBC) and the 2024 Quilt Show.

Publicity – Chairperson needed

***CLQ is still in need of chairpersons for these positions – Treasurer, Activity Coordinator, Hospitality and Publicity.

Sunshine – J Malone – Card sent to Sylvia O'Neill

Technology – This position has been filled by Emily Kane.

Historian – This position has been filled by Nancy Williams.

Quilt Show – S O'Neill has had some recent medical issues and has been sidelined for the moment. Co-Chair Janet Liples (not present) along with the Executive Board will continue with the planning meetings. C Cotter collected prior QS folders and provided them to Janet. St Cyril's has confirmed the dates of May 3-5, 2024. Several committee chairs are still needed.

Mini Quilt Raffle – M Malik – Showed a sample made by Barb Miller and has encouraged all of us to get sewing! The maximum dimension for minis is 80 inches.

Food – S Bredin – requesting several members to assist.

Crafts – L Watson – storing the remaining bins from the Bazaar held in April, 2023. Boutique – R Wirth, E Witowski and M Lopez – will be accepting fabric, notions and patterns at all upcoming CLQ meetings. Please do not donate broken items and/or unusable/musty fabric.

Please hold books and magazines until show weekend.

Philanthropy – B Lewis/B Gleason – Thank you to all who returned a completed project today! Members have turned in NICU quilts, receiving blankets, burp cloths, placemats, walker bags, wheelchair quilts and pillowcases. Please consider completing a NICU quilt. There is always a need. Please take kit(s) home to complete over the summer. Keep making placemats. Deliveries to the Baby Bureau and CHOP will occur by the end of May. In September we will present the summary of the prior year item count. A thank you to Marianne Kuleba for her donation of 279 placemats over the past year. A thank you to Sharon Moran for the donation of 6 to 8 NICU quilts per month. The monthly CLQ Charity Sewing Day at NBBC is the third Thursday of each month. The next sewing day is Thursday 06/15/2023 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, your lunch and a Pantry donation item. Non-sewing jobs are also available. The next Charity Sewing Days will be Thursday, 07/20/23, 08/17/23 and 09/21/23.

Raffle Quilt – G Gempesaw – The quilt is complete and was shown to the guild. The Quilt/Show Name will be "Radiance". The quilting was done by Dot Fabian; binding will be completed by Marilyn Malik and the label will be made by Betsy Penzone. In September the Raffle Ticket packets will be distributed.

Challenge Quilt – G Gempesaw – The 2023 challenge was reviewed. Challenge Quilts will be voted on at the

November, 2023 CLQ meeting. We are all encouraged to create a quilt no greater than 120", use a minimum of 25 fabrics and coordinate with the Raffle Quilt; change colors/same blocks or same colors/unique blocks.

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.

NBBC Food Pantry – Bonnie Kane reminded us to increase our contributions to the pantry. Please try and donate every time you are at the church and not just at our monthly meeting.

OLD BUSINESS - none

NEW BUSINESS

Liz Watson – A thank you to the resigning Executive Board members – Carol Cotter, Joyce Helstrom and Suzette Trucksess. We appreciate your service.

Dee Carr – Thank you for all of the sunshine cards, notes, phone calls and texts.

Mystery Show and Tell – Woven Ribbons – a nice cross section of quilt tops and completed quilts were shown.

Show and Tell – members displayed their completed quilts

Monthly Drawings:

Fat Quarters – GREEN – Barb Bailey – color for September - ORANGE
Byrne Gift Card – E Witowski
Stitch Central Gift Card – V Detweiler

2023 Raffle Baskets:

Marianne Grey and Dee Carr

Meeting adjourned at 9:15PM

Submitted by,

Lynn Holtzman/Secretary

PHILANTHROPY



We hope you have all had an enjoyable summer. Thank you to the ladies who came to sew in July and August. Always a really fun time ! We will continue to meet on the third Thursday of each month at the church, to sew for charity from 10 to 2. Bring your machine and your lunch. Everyone is welcome !

For the year 2023-2024 we will continue to make place mats, pillow cases, walker bags, wheelchair quilts, and NICU isolette covers (40 inches by 44 inches) We have been asked for more receiving blankets. Barbara and I went to Cherry Hill, Coopersburg and Gap in search of inexpensive flannel on FB Marketplace. We do have a few blanket kits available. *** If you see baby flannel on sale please consider buying a 30 inch piece and a coordinating 40 inch piece to donate to Philanthropy. Even if you can't make it, we have ladies who will sew the blankets.*** Thank you.

For the 2022- 23 quilt year we donated the following items:

239 receiving blankets	12 knit baby hats	145 pillow cases
293 burp cloths	16 baby scarves	35 children's knit hats
307 knit booties	147 NICU quilts	50 adult knit hats
42 baby sweaters with hats	9 small knit afgans	8 bags of baby clothes
	23 wheelchair quilts	779 place mats
	121 walker bags	

These items were donated to the following places

Veteran's Administration	Neshaminy Manor
Baby Bureau	Caring Heart Nursing Home
Beds for Kids	McAulley Home
	Cradles to Crayons
Manna	5 Area Meals on Wheels
Project Home	Organizations

Thank you for all you do! Lets keep up the great work.

Barb Gleason and Barbara Lewis Philanthropy Chairs

GUILD HAPPENINGS

September Meeting

Our speaker for September is Katheryn Jenson White. She will show quilts from her collection of alphabet quilts. She started making and collecting alphabet quilts in 1987.

At that time she was a professor of journalism at The University of Oklahoma. Katheryn creates original works which combine her love of quilting with her love of the written word. Her creations celebrate the beauty and power of letters, signs and symbols which express a wide range of ideas.

In October we will have an evening showcasing the talents and creative expressions from a few of our members. The evening will have short (20 minute) presentations from Carol Cotter, Joyce Helstrom, Barb Miller, Jeanne Malone and Ellen Cicak. At our September meeting, you will be asked to pick three of the presentations which you will attend in October. We will have more detail on topics at that time.

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September's Fat Quarter Color is ORANGE!

Please bring two ORANGE fat quarters to our September meeting and you will be entered in a drawing to win one set of the fat quarters received that night. The guild keeps one of each pair brought in for future use, a winner is drawn for the other set at the end of each month's meeting. As a reminder: a Fat Quarter measures 18" by 22". If the store you shop at doesn't make or sell fat quarters, you can easily produce your own by purchasing ½ yard of fabric and cutting it on the fold to yield two segments that are now 18" by 22"

Each month the lucky winner gets to name the color for the next month's Fat Quarter drawing. And go home with some new fabric to play with !!

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

Hospitality

My name is Barbara Bailey and I have agreed to take over the responsibility for hospitality for the quilt guild. I am a new member and am excited to be a part of this group. We have enough water bottles for the September meeting and at that meeting the clipboard will be available so that you can sign up to bring snacks for future meetings. Volunteers for snacks for the September meeting are: Joyce Helstrom, Barb Sarafinas, Jeanne Malone, Suzette Trucksess, and Carol Cotter. Thank you for volunteering. My contact information is on the updated 2022-2023 member list so please let me know if you have any concerns or questions.

Membership

If you have paid your 2024 dues in advance, thank you!

If you have not paid your dues for 2024, please do so at the September 11 meeting. Make checks payable to County Line Quilters. Cash is acceptable if placed in an envelope with your name on it.

According to a recent document,

"Membership dues are \$35.00 per year, payable by the first meeting in September. If membership dues are not paid by the November meeting, membership is cancelled. Restart for a current member within the year will remain at \$35.00."

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.

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.

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!

2024 QUILT SHOW BOUTIQUE

We [Eileen, Marilyn, and Rosanna] will begin collecting items for the Quilt Show boutique at upcoming meeting. Please donate usable items that are sewing/crafting related. Please hold books and magazines until the end. We will have more information on donating those as we get closer to the show. Thank you.

Quilt Show Raffle Tickets

Dear CLQ Members,

It's that time again! Time to sell tickets for our beautiful Raffle Quilt.

Carol Cotter and Joyce Helstrom will be available in the back of the church at the September meeting waiting for you to pick up your ticket envelope.

The envelope will contain 42 tickets which at 6 for \$5 which comes to \$35. If you sell the tickets at \$1 a piece, the amount will be more. So it's 6 for \$5, or \$1 each, just as before. It will also contain 2 postcards with a picture of the quilt and 4 mini flyers. If you need more of these, just ask.

If you need additional tickets, we will have those for you at following meetings, or you can call or text one of us for more tickets.

We will collect money for the tickets at each meeting.

Have fun selling the tickets and advertising our upcoming show.

Remember: each member is expected to sell at least 42 tickets, and more will be readily available, if you need them.

Working together we will have a successful show. Thanks for your help!

See you in September!

Carol Cotter (215) 802-8904 or Joyce Helstrom (215) 512-3220



UPCOMING QUILT SHOWS

The Greater Philadelphia Expo Center Quilt Show will be taking place on September 14th – 17th in Oaks, PA. Admission is \$17.

The Main Line Quilters is proud to be presenting the "Fall in Love with Quilts" Quilt Show on November 18th from 9:30 AM – 4 PM at St. Luke's Lutheran Church, 203 N. Valley Forge Road, Devon PA. Admission is \$5.



Happy Birthday to you, Happy Birthday to you, Happy Birthday dear ...

JULY BIRTHDAYS

Margaret Wheaton - 7/1
Marilyn Malik - 7/2
Sally Steinbach - 7/2
Bev Smith - 7/8
Joyce Helstrom - 7/9
Rose Marie Wert - 7/14
Barbara Miller - 7/18
Emily Sjogren - 7/24
Karen Adams - 7/25
Alexis Koemm - 7/31

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

Suzette Trucksess - 8/5
Phyllis Carnahan - 8/13
Lynn Holtzman - 8/18
Joyce Overberger - 8/25
Carol Breinig - 8/31

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Kit Holmes - 9/2
Betsy Penzone - 9/16
Jacob Kane - 9/17
Rosanna Wirth - 9/19
Mairead Wink - 9/28
Elizabeth Watson - 9/30