

County Line Quilters News

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September 2024

Dear CLQ Members,

I want to welcome you to a new year to celebrate our passion and joy of sewing and quilting! Last night the executive board met and has decided to add a new committee, incorporate some changes to streamline our business meeting and Show and Tell, as well as add more ways we can welcome new guests and members.

Our new committee is called Events, which will be co-chair by Joyce Helstrom, Marilyn Lopez, and Joanne D'Allura. This committee will provide us with many opportunities: workshops headed by members and/or presenters, trips, luncheons, teas, and perhaps retreats! If you have ideas or would like to share your talent with a workshop, please contact these ladies!

One way we hope to expedite our business meeting is to utilize the microphone; this will reduce the time needed to repeat what has already been said. We are also asking for all of us to refrain from side conversations. Instituting these two initiatives should help those in person and online to hear better. At our September meeting we will introduce all the committee chairs, so we can put a face and name with the committee. In future meetings we will only have some committees speak, since most reporting is already in the newsletter.

One of our favorite parts of our night is Show and Tell. It is a time that we cheer on our members of all levels and get inspired to try something different. We love seeing your work up close and personal, which is often difficult from afar. To better view the quilts, we are asking Show and Tell items to be displayed on the tables in room across from the library so members peruse before the meeting and during break where no food or drink will be allowed. In an effort to provide each member adequate time to share, each person will be limited to 2 items per meeting. Please bring the additional items to another meeting. We would love to see your work.

As many of you know, Nancy Williams is our Ambassador working with membership. We have now added "special friends" to assist her. A special friend will save the seat next to her for a new person. This member will be assigned a new person welcoming the newbie and helping her navigate the meeting as well as the ins and outs of our organization. New members' nametags will be made of a different color. We will be including photos of new

members with their name in the newsletter. So if you are not attendance, you can still see the new faces with their names and welcome them at the next meeting. We also hope to include photos of committee people with their names into our newsletter.

At our September meeting, Quakertown Keystone Guild will be our guest raffling their quilt for their Quilt Show in October. . They were so courteous and inviting to us when we went to their meeting; let us reciprocate in like fashion!

Ellen and Kathy have been busy with our next raffle quilt. Ellen will be distributing blocks with directions at our October meeting for members to complete. The Sew It Is Quilt Shop in Endicott, NY was so gracious and helpful in our selection of fabrics and additionally gave us a discount on their already low prices. They have a wonderful range of fabrics. Please consider ordering through their Etsy account or follow them on Facebook. Their information is with our other quilt shops at the end of the newsletter.

We have an opportunity to sell our remaining crafts on Saturday, September 28th. Please consider volunteering some time on this day inside the Hilltown Lutheran Church. Liz would love to have your help!

The Boutique is having a sale at our remaining fabric at our October meeting! Be sure to bring your money for some terrific buys.

Do not forget work on your Do Re Mi Challenge quilt. Finished products will be presented at our December meeting.

I am looking forward to working with you this year and excited to see all the opportunities coming our way! Please remember we are all volunteers doing our best. Let us use kindness to support one another.

Sewing mends the soul one stitch at a time.

Enjoy sewing,

Carol

COUNTY LINE QUILTERS GENERAL MEETING MINUTES 6-10-2024



Meeting Minutes

PRE-MEETING:

7:00PM – 7:30PM Ice Cream Social

E Cicak – 2026 Raffle Quilt – Please vote for Design

and Colorway – winning combination to be announced later this evening.

The meeting was called to order at 7:30PM by President Bonnie Kane – This is my final meeting and thank you for the last two years.

Programs – L Watson/B Miller – September, 2024 – Cyndi Hershey - Barn in a Basket

B Kane – Thank you to Liz and Barb for your dedication.

Secretary – L Holtzman – Motion, second and approve May, 2024 minutes.

B Kane – Thank you to Lynn for keeping us all on track.

Treasurer – D Beck – May, 2024 treasurer's report had a duplicate deposit entry. Will issue a corrected report. Presented a summary of the Quilt Show financials.

B Kane – Thank you to Denise for keeping the treasury in good condition and especially for implanting the credit card system for the Quilt Show.

Membership – H Haun/L Moore – 50 members with two new members.

Ambassador – N Williams – New members – Sonja Hipple and Anita Lehman

Hospitality – B Bailey – Thank you tonight's donations and to the ice cream scoopers and the clean up team.

Newsletter – J Kane – Thank you for continued on-time submissions. Outgoing

board members should have articles submitted by Thursday August 1st; any other items by Thursday August 15th and the newsletter will be published in early September. Going forward the submission date will be the 25th of each month.

Activities – S Edelman – Thank you for the Pantry donations. For September, please donate Lunch Box Items. Tonight, we will have four (4) raffle baskets; remaining door prizes from the Quilt Show and the monthly Byrne and Stitch Central gift cards.

Website – M Malik – Quilt Show 2024 tab will be moved closer to the bottom of the first page.

Publicity – This position is still open – Plea from H Haun – Please step up to fill this position. The guild does have information on business cards. Forgot these at the Quilt Show (B Kane has the supply). We also have several versions of our information in bookmark style. These should be update for distribution at the Oaks Show in September. J Malone and J Kane to create several draft versions.

Sunshine – J Malone – card to A. Wydro. Will work with D Carr to transition this function.

B Kane – To recognize the importance of email communication to the guild, we have created the position of Communications Officer to be held by J Malone.

Technology – E Kane – Requesting feedback – all agreed that she is doing a good job. Two notes – the presenting speaker needs to use the microphone and perhaps position the computer in the center aisle to capture more of the presentation. Update your zoom software over the summer.

Historian – N Williams – Once I have all the pictures from June, I will draft a Mixbook

(similar to Shutterfly). The Mixbook will have a picture history of our 2023-2024 CLQ year.

Quilt show – S O'Neill and J Liples – Thank you for the experience as Quilt Show Chair. A thank you to Janet for being a sounding board and keeping me calm. A thank you also to Janet for guiding the Publicity activities.

The Guild needs chair people for the 2026 Quilt Show

Philanthropy – B Lewis/B Gleason – Thank you for today's donations including a couple of dog beds. Next Charity Sewing Day is Thursday June 20th. We will be making pillowcases. There are approximately twenty (20) NICU quilt kits with batting/backing/label – please take one to complete over the summer. Wheelchair quilts were donated to Dock Woods Nursing Home and appreciated. We do not have kits for wheelchair quilts or walker bags, but check the CLQ website for the patterns/directions. We will continue to meet over the summer. Future dates (always the third Thursday) are July 18th, August 15th and September 19th.

2026 Raffle Quilt – E Cicak/K Webb – The result from tonight's voting is MODERN RAINBOW.

2024 Challenge Quilt – E Cicak – Theme is anything Musical, wall hanging or smaller. Does not have to be a wall hanging but perhaps a tote bag, vest, or something unique. Members will vote in December 2024 including the use of several techniques.

Nominating Committee 2024/2026 Executive Board – M Malik/J Kane/L Holtzman

Present candidates and have each one give a short summary and answer any questions.

President: Liz Watson or Carol Cotter

Vice Presidents/Programs (2 positions):
Denise Beck and Stella Bredin

Treasurer: Bonnie Kane or Merrie Keller

Secretary: Vickie Detwiler

Ballots distributed and collected by the nominating committee.

RESULTS ARE:

President – Carol Cotter

Vice Presidents/Programs – Denise Beck and Stella Bredin

Treasurer – Merrie Keller

Secretary – Vickie Detweiler

OLD BUSINESS – Please – NO food in any of the closets

NEW BUSINESS –

L Watson – Potential to sell craft items at Pennridge Community Day – Sunday July 7th (12PM-6PM) with setup to start at 10AM. We will be sharing a booth/tables. Will need volunteers to sign up to two (2) hour shifts.

Financial Audit over the summer – J Kane and M Keller

8:45PM – Show and Tell

9:00PM – Presentation of Musical Quilt top to President B Kane by B Miller and L Watson

Monthly Drawings:

Fat Quarters – (16) Orange – L Holtzman – color for September – Black and White Prints

Byrne gift certificate – N Williams

Stitch Central gift certificate – M Snyder

Quilt Show door prizes were drawn.

Meeting adjourned at 9:20PM.

Submitted by,

Lynn Holtzman/Secretary

GUILD HAPPENINGS

September Meeting

Welcome back for a new season of the County Line Quilters. May I express my sympathies to all the families and friends we have had to say goodbye to these last few months. May your pain be replaced with the wonderful memories of your loved ones.

We have had a long hot summer, so let us refresh with a lecture from a former guild member Cyndi Hersey. Cyndi has been the Quilt Education and Development Director for the Quilt Barn in Kutztown. She is a graduate of Philadelphia College of Textiles, former quilt shop owner, an author and editor involved in the fabric industry to help develop and market. So sit back and enjoy her talk on the rules and regulations for participating and registering quilts for the Kutztown Folk Festival.

Barb Miller

Programs

We look forward to an exciting year of guild meetings and presentations.

Here's a preview of what we have planned for the upcoming months.

Stella Bredin

Denise Beck

September: Cyndi Hershey will present :

“The Kutztown Folk Festival: Inside the Quilt Barn” Cyndi will talk about what goes on behind the scenes of this well-known event. She is presently the Quilt Education and Development coordinator for the festival. She has a long-standing history in the quilting world and has worked as a design director and in creative marketing for fabric companies and has done technical editing for various publishers. In addition, she is the author of two quilting books for Martingale Press. Many of you will also know her as the original owner of the Country Quilt Shop in Montgomeryville.



October: Andi Metz will present:

“Behind the Fabric; the Process of Fabric Design”:

Andi has been designing for Benartex fabrics since 2019. She will show you how her artwork is transformed into fabric and will also display some projects created with her fabric collections. Many of her designs are also used on home products such as mugs, pillows and more.



For more about Andi visit: <https://www.andimetz.com/art-for-licensing>

Sneak preview for November's speaker:

Bethanne Nemesh: <https://bethanne-nemesh.teachable.com/>

Philanthropy

We hope you have all had an enjoyable summer. It was eventful for me since my daughter had her first baby. We welcomed Fiona to the family in July. I didn't get much sewing done, but I'm looking forward to lots of Fall sewing. We will continue to have our charity sew days on the third Thursday of the month. Please come out and join the fun. You might even learn a new skill!

At our last board meeting Ellen Cicak had an idea. Whenever baby flannel goes on sale it would be great if each member could purchase a 30" piece and a 40" piece. Then make a blanket by following the directions found on Shabby Fabric Self-binding receiving blanket. If you're not sure how to make it, you could turn it in to philanthropy and one of our sewers could make the blanket. Flannel has gotten really expensive and this would be a great help! (We did receive a flannel donation from Pat Kohne, so we do have a few blanket kits.)

It looks like we'll be needing 275 place mats for a Fall delivery. I have about 40 from the summer, so please keep making them. You have no idea how happy our place mats make the recipients.

Saint Christopher's Hospital called over the summer and needed a lot of NICU isolette covers. Luckily, Barbara had received some in June so she was able to take them down.

Losing our friend Marianne Kuleba was a blow to all of us, but especially to philanthropy since she made hundreds of place mats and burp clothes despite

only having sight in one eye. Jacob has included a picture of her in this newsletter.

We are including a section with the amount of items we have donated this year. Please check it out. Thank you all you do to make our community a happier place!

Barb Gleason - Philanthropy Chair

Philanthropy

Dear Members of County Line Quilters,

Philanthropy is pleased to announce our annual contributions and donations from our members, for our 2023-2024 year

The following are the specific items that were donated.

Receiving Blankets-160 Burp Cloths-182

Knit Booties-242

NICU Isolette Quilts-118 Baby/Kids Quilts-36

Knit sweaters and hats-28 Wheelchair Quilts-26 Wheelchair Bags-58 Stuffed Christmas Trees-37 Fidget Quilts-20

Hot Pads-180 Placemats-589 Pillow cases-217

The following are the locations to which all of the above items were donated.

The Baby Bureau

St. Christopher's Hospital for Children

Beds for Kids-OHAAT

Montco Senior Adult Activity Center; Ambler

Buxmont Meals on Wheels

Eastern Montgomery County Meals on Wheels; Hatboro Central Bucks Meals on Wheels; Doylestown

Souderton SAAC

Neshaminy Manor

Manna on Main Street

Philanthropy would to thank our entire membership for your time, dedication, and effort in helping others around the Delaware Valley

area.

Please note! You may still bring all of your finished projects to our September 9th meeting.

Barbara Lewis – Philanthropy Chair

Activities

The Fat Quarter Drawing for September's meeting is for BLACK AND WHITE prints. Please bring 2 black and white fat quarters to the meeting and see Sue Edelman to be entered into a drawing to win one set of what's received. A fat quarter measures 18" X 21-22". If you have difficulty finding pre-cut fat quarters, you can "make your own" by purchasing ½ yard of fabric and cutting it on the fold to yield two appropriately sized fat quarters - and sometimes this is less expensive than purchasing two already made fat quarters!

Your shelf stable donations of food for the New Britain Baptist Church's Food Pantry is appreciated. Besides the "always needed" items that are listed in our newsletter, please consider bringing items that might be helpful in back-to-school lunch boxes - things like individual size servings of fruit, snacks, juice boxes. Gift cards in \$10 increments for Giant supermarkets are also always appreciated. If you can't bring one yourself to the meeting, see Lynn Holtzman to buy one that night.

Event Committee

Our goal is to provide a variety of activities to our guild members. Some of these activities may include, but are not limited to: workshops ,classes, bus trips, and perhaps a retreat. Many of these ideas will now depend on the availability of a viable space. If you have anything you would like to be presented, please reach out to one of us. More info will be forthcoming.

Joyce Helstrom, Marilyn Lopez, and Joanne D'Allura

Guild Email Blasts

Although the Guild Email Blasts come from mugsie1.com (Jeanne Malone), I'm not the person who is originating the email information. I always try to include that person's name and address with the information.

So, if you want to reply to that email, please reply to that person not me. Thank You.

Jeanne Malone

Food Pantry:

We support the food pantry at New Britain Baptist Church. In addition to "always needed" items as detailed in this newsletter, this month we'd like to focus on donating food items that children home from school for summer break might enjoy: things like juice boxes, fruit snacks, granola bars, cookies, snacks, breakfast cereals. These items can be left in the cart in the back of our meeting room. \$10 Gift Cards to Giant supermarket are always welcome, and if you can't shop for one yourself, Lynn Holtzman will have a supply available at the meeting for you to purchase. Turn them in to Sue Edelman for delivery to the food pantry. Our contact at the food pantry always expresses their gratitude for our group's overwhelming support of their organization!

Sue Edelman

Activities Coordinator

Hospitality

For our meeting on September 9th : Marilyn Malik, Barbara Miller, Linda Pickett, Suzette Trucksess, Jeanne Malone, and Barbara Lewis have volunteered to bring snacks and Janet Liples will bring water. Thank you so much ladies!

Membership

Welcome back all quilters!

Thank you very much if you have already paid your annual dues!

If you have not paid, please pay \$35 by check or cash (in an envelope with your name on it).

VENMO payments will also be accepted but ONLY in September.

If payment is not made by November, your name will be removed from the membership list.

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.

Website

Our website is Countylinequilters.org

It is meant to be informative and to showcase our members talents. We have a high engagement score from visitors to the site. On the left side, you have different tabs:

Home : Logo. Scrolling pictures. Information on supporting the Food Larder, Our history & Philanthropy

About Us: Dues. Meetings. Quilt Show. Photos

Our History: Some history provided by Beryl Stine. Our historical quilt & info

Philanthropy: Placemats. Blankets. Walker Bags. Donations provided. Beds for Kids. Fidget Quilts. Project info for making NICU quilts, Placemats & Walker Bags
Calendar & Events: Philanthropy Sew Days, Guild Meetings (including the Fat Quarter colors and the Speaker info) & Events. This is a good place to keep up on what's going on and what you need.

Newsletters: Private info at the end of the newsletters is not included on the website

Member Quilts: Pictures from various meetings, show and tell and Challenge quilts

Presentations & Workshops: Recent presentations/workshops are included with permissions

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

Technology

Hi everyone! Excited to come back this year as your technology chairperson. I just wanted to remind everyone to make sure their zoom is up to date prior to using it. It might cause delays if you try to login into the meeting at 7 when you haven't used it for several months. So, I recommend opening the app an hour or two prior to zoom use to make sure that there are no updates that need to take place—this goes for computer, phone, and tablet. Also make sure your first and last name is on your profile!

REACH TO RECOVERY TOTE BAG SEWING DAY

A Fall Sewing Day for the Reach To Recovery Tote Bags and Pillows for the American Cancer Society will be held on Friday September 20th, 2024 from 10:00AM to 4:00PM. We are excited to hold our first Sewing Day at Rydal Park & Waters Clubhouse in Jenkintown, Pa (lower Montgomery County). This is a beautiful venue and you can enjoy your breaks/lunch by the pool. This location is all one level with easy access from the parking lot. Please bring your sewing machine, basic supplies, lunch/snack and beverage. Pre-cut kits are provided (all straight seam sewing). Volunteers are also needed to do pressing, stuff pillows and hand sew pillows closed. Additional small project kits will be available. Come for an hour or longer. Volunteers at any sewing skill level are welcomed. We will provide water and several snacks.

RYDAL PARK & WATERS CLUBHOUSE

1637 Noble Circle

South of Abington Hospital off Route 611

Jenkintown, PA 19046

10:00 AM to 4:00 PM

Looking forward to September 20th!

UPCOMING QUILT SHOWS



Quilt Exhibits at the Schwenkfelder Museum

Our friends at the Schwenkfelder Library and Heritage Center in Pennsburg PA will feature TWO quilt exhibits this summer:

beginning May 31, through July 14 "Tribes, Quilts from the European Patchwork Meeting" - this international traveling exhibit of 30 quilts is making its only stop in the US at the Schwenkfelder museum!

and,

June 18 through November 1 "Elephants, the Michelin Man, and Sunbonnet Sue: 20th Century Pictorial Embroidered Quilts"

The Schwenkfelder Heritage Center is a Cool Place to spend a Hot Summer afternoon! Admission is free but donations are appreciated. Hours are 10-4, Tuesday through Saturday and 1-4 on Sundays
Located at: 105 Seminary Street, Pennsburg PA 18073

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.

Valley Forge Homestead Quilters Guild

Friday, October 18, 2024 10 AM - Saturday 19

\$10.00 Fri 10-5 Sat 10-4

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church 132 E. Valley Forge Rd, King of Prussia, PA

Over 200 quilts! Handmade items for sale. Fabulous raffles. Grandma's attic. Snacks. Demonstrations

Keystone Quilters "Starstruck" quilt show

Fri Oct 11, 10-5

Sat Oct 12, 10-4

Adm \$10 cash

Finland Mennonite Church

1750 Ziegler Road, Pennsburg, PA

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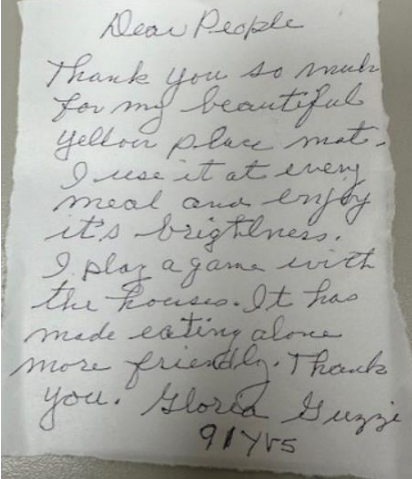
NOTES FROM OUR COMMUNITY

Our Guild received a thank you note for the placemats we made from a beneficiary of our philanthropy over the summer:

Dear People,

Thank you so much for my beautiful yellow place mat. I use it at every meal and enjoy its brightness. I play a game with the houses. It has made eating along more friendly.

Thank you. Gloria Guzzie, 91 yrs



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MARIANNE KULEBA | 1955-2024



Marianne Kuleba was an incredibly impactful member of our Guild who worked tirelessly to enhance our philanthropic works, making well over 100 place mats and burp cloths to be donated by our guild each year. Even after losing sight in one eye, she still continued to give back to the community through County Line Quilters. She passed away on July 16th and will be dearly missed by all.