

County Line Quilters News

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September 2025

Dear Ladies and Jacob,

Welcome Back! The 2025-2026 promises to be an exciting year for County Line Quilters with inspiring presenters, stimulating challenges, wide range of opportunities and activities, and if this is not enough our stupendous Quilt Show in April!

I hope you were able to spend time with family and friends, as well as some sewing during our summer break. I am looking forward to seeing some of your projects during our show and tell in September.

My summer did not go quite as planned, as you know. I am overwhelmed with all the emails, texts, calls, and visits. I am deeply touched by all your warm and positive well wishes and prayers. They brighten my days and lifted my spirits as I spent July and August on the recliner in my rec room nursing my broken ankles. Thank you so very much!

Even though we have not had any official guild meetings over the summer, members have been busy. Kathy Webb, Jacob, Suzette, and Denise completed the audit. Philanthropy met the third Thursdays in June and July. MODA blocks met the third Saturdays on Zoom. Liz and Joanne had members demonstrate crafts to make for the quilt show a couple Monday nights. Many guild and quilt committees have been busy planning and prepping for our up coming year. A BIG thank you to all involved!

Please bring in the **\$35 dues** in September if you have not yet paid. If you are unable to attend in person, please send the dues to Lois Moore or Helen Haun. Please look over the **proposed budget** in the newsletter for the 2025- 2026 year. I know many members have been working on the challenge- **"Every Day Is A Holiday."** I cannot wait to see the projects at our December meeting. There is an opportunity to bring or buy **\$10 Giant cards** for those needing food assistance. I am looking forward to learning from our renowned local speaker for September-**Rachel Derstine**. I always pick up something new. Our fat quarters for September are **purple**. Philanthropy Day is the third Thursday, **September 18** from 10AM to 2PM. MODA block sharing on Zoom is the third Saturday, September 20 at 10 AM.

With gratitude,

Carol

Good Friends are like Quilts. They age with you yet never lose their warmth.

COUNTY LINE QUILTERS GENERAL MEETING MINUTES 6-9-2025



Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order by Vice President Denise Beck at 7:00 p.m. The meeting was held at Doylestown

Mennonite Church, Doylestown, PA. Vice President Denise Beck welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Stella Bredin introduced the speaker for the evening, Meg Mautz, a reflexologist who practices in Doylestown.

An intermission was held after the speaker, during which members enjoyed an Ice Cream Social. Vice Presidents – Denise Beck/Stella Bredin – The next in-person meeting will be on September 8th.

Secretary – Vickie Detwiler – A Motion was made and seconded to accept the Minutes of the May 12, 2025 meeting. The Motion passed.

Treasurer – Kathy Webb – An audit team has been selected. The Treasurer's Report was not voted on as it was missing a beginning balance.

Communications – Jeanne Malone – Blasts will be sent out over the summer as things come up.

Events – Joyce Helstrom – Sign-ups for Moda Blockheads are still being taken. The next Moda Blockheads meeting will be on June 21st on Zoom.

Instructions for the Ohio Star Block Exchange will be mailed out as people sign up. Marilyn Lopez made a few samples. Sign-ups are also being taken for a class by Raz Beca. If there are enough people on the waiting list, a second class can be scheduled.

The Events Committee is teaming up with the Crafts Committee. Liz Watson showed samples of some items that we need for the Quilt Show and discussed what sold the best at the last show. She asked if anyone would be interested in a Monday night craft night; there seemed to be enough interest to schedule something.

Historian/Ambassador – Nancy Williams – No report.
Membership – Helen Haun/Lois Moore – Helen thanked everyone who gave her a check for membership for next year and said the checks will not be deposited until July 1st. If anyone wants to mail a check, please send it to Lois Moore. Helen did not count how many people were in attendance at tonight's meeting.

Newsletter – Jacob Kane – Jacob thanked everyone for a great year and said that he is looking forward to another year. The deadline for the first newsletter will be August 15th.

Facebook – Kathy Acker – No report.

Philanthropy – Barbara Lewis/Barb Gleason – We received a thank you from Linda Gillette for our donations of

dog beds. We also received a thank you for the Angel baby blankets as well as other items that have been made. Placemats are still needed. The next Philanthropy sew day will be on Thursday, June 19th.

Publicity/Crafts – Liz Watson – No report.

Raffle & Challenge Quilt – Ellen Cicak – The raffle quilt was on display for members to see.

Sunshine – Dee Carr – No report.

Website – Marilyn Malik – No report.

Technology – No report.

Quilt Show – Marilyn Lopez/Marilyn Malik – Marilyn Lopez thanked everyone for their donations and encouraged everyone to go through their sewing rooms and clean out what they no longer need and to donate these items for the quilt show. During the summer, they will put together a short video showing how to fold the fabric so that it is all folded uniformly. This video will be placed on the website. Eileen Witowski and Anita Lehman will be handling the mini quilts for the show. Marilyn Malik spoke about the requirements for the mini quilts. Marilyn also thanked Kathy and Ellen for all the work they did on the quilt for the show.

Activities – Sue Edelman – We made \$202 in raffle ticket sales on the fat quarter bundles. Winners were as follows:
Black and White – Denise Beck
Floral – Rose Marie Wert
Turquoise – Mary Finley
Orange – Eileen Witowski
Pink – Denise Beck
Yellow – Gina Gempesaw

Blue #1 – Liz Watson
Blue #2 – Jeanne Malone
Blue #3 – Jacob Kane

Drawings – Fat Quarters: Suzie Sergeant
September's color will be Purple.
Gift Cards: Denise Beck – Stitch Central
Liz Watson – Byrnes

Old Business:

Denise asked everyone to remember to work on the "Every Day's a Holiday" challenge quilts. Several events will be held during the summer, so please keep an eye on the Blast for more information. Philanthropy sew days will be held on June 19th, July 17th and August 21st. Moda Blockheads will meet on June 21st, July 19th and August 16th on Zoom.

New Business:

An Executive Board/Budget meeting will be held on August 11th. If anyone wants business cards with the new address, please see Liz Watson.

Barb Miller was taken to the hospital for an emergency appendectomy.

Stella will put the Meg Mautz information on the website.

Netflix is showing a documentary called "The Quilters", which is very interesting and recommended for members' viewing if they have Netflix.

Show and Tell – Four members showed their quilts.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Vickie Detwiler, Secretary

GUILD HAPPENINGS

Programs and Activities

Welcome back to a new year of programs and events. We have an exciting year planned for you!

Our September meeting will feature Rachel Derstine, an art quilter from Philadelphia. She will present a lecture on "Fiber Arts to Ignite the Imagination". Follow Rachel on her website at www.rachelderstinedesigns.com to see some of her works and read her bio below for more information.

Rachel Derstine is an art quilter living in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Her works have been featured in invitational and juried gallery shows and fine art/craft shows throughout the country. Her work has been purchased and installed in institutions such as Epic Corporation in Madison, WI, and the Milton Hershey Medical Center in Hershey, PA. She has done commissioned works for Salford Mennonite Meetinghouse in Harleysville, PA, Souderton Mennonite Homes in Souderton, PA, Garden Spot Village in New Holland, PA, and Penn Foundation in Sellersville, PA. Originally coming from a music background with degrees in piano performance, she had a long music teaching career. Quilting has only become the focus of her work in the last 12 years. Having spent her first 15 years in Japan as a child of missionaries, her work is greatly influenced by her childhood surroundings.

She primarily uses hand dyed or painted cottons, silks and nonwovens but also has a love of Asian fabrics and kimono silks, incorporating these ancient traditional fabrics into her compositions.

The Fat Quarter color for September's meeting is PURPLE. Bring 2 fat quarters (18" X 21") of purple fabric to be entered into a drawing to win one set of the fabrics received.

Philanthropy

The summer certainly did fly by. I hope you've had lots of time to relax and sew. At our first meeting we will be collecting anything you made over the summer, since we start making deliveries in September. Our philanthropy sew day will be the third Thursday, September 18th from 10 to 2. Depending on what comes in at our first meeting, that will determine what we will make on charity sew day. Without Joann fabrics our stock of sale flannel is very limited. We're hoping to get some donations and we're scouring marketplace. Please continue to make place mats, pillow cases, quilts, receiving blankets, dog beds and walker bags. If you ever have a question please reach out to either one of us and we'll be happy to assist. Thanks for everything you do for our local charities.

Barb Gleason and Barbara Lewis - Philanthropy Chairs

Philanthropy Summary 2024-2025

Thank you for all of your wonderful and helpful contributions.

NICU Quilts 219

Knit NICU Hats 21

Cuddle hearts 214

Moon Time Bags 122

Fabric Christmas Trees 40

Angel Baby Knit Blankets 28

Pet beds 115

Placemats 607

Wheel Chair Quilts 17

Walker Bags 56

Knit Booties 120

Pillow Cases 178

Burp Cloths 167

Receiving Blankets 177

Kids Quilts 26

Assorted Baby Clothes

These items were donated to the following:

Bucks County SPCA

The Baby Bureau

Indian Reservation

Doylestown Senior Center

Ambler Senior Center

Hatbox Senior Center

Norristown Senior Center

Landsdale Manna

St. Christopher's Hospital for Children NICU

Temple Hospital's NICU

Abington Hospital's NICU

Beds 4 Kids

Neshaminy Manor Senior Home

Bucks County SPCA

Membership

Thank you if you have already paid your dues for the 2025-2026 season of County Line Quilter's Guild. If not, \$35.00 dues are due now.

Please bring your payment to the September 8 meeting with check payable to County Line Quilters or cash in an envelope with your name on it. If payment is not received by November 10, 2025 your name will be dropped from the membership list.

If you are NOT renewing your membership, please let Helen Haun or Lois Moore know.

Thank you.

Challenge Quilt

Hopefully you've all been enjoying a summer filled with family, friends, fun, and inspiration for our **Every Day's A Holiday** Challenge. This is an anything goes challenge. You can use a pattern or create your own design. You can quilt, embroider, embellish. Any item is eligible to win a prize, so wherever your creativity takes you, please share it with your fellow guild members. We'll be viewing and voting on your completed project(s) at our December meeting, so get stitching and join the fun!

Giant Gift Cards

Many thanks to those of you who've donated \$10 Giant gift cards to our community members in need. We've received notes of thanks from the Bucks County Opportunity Council where your donations are being put to good use. Gift cards will be available for purchase at our September meeting. Your generosity makes good things possible for those in need.

2026 QUILT SHOW COMMITTEES FOR APRIL 24-26, 2026

Chairs	Marilyn Lopez
	Marilyn Malik
Boutique	Roseanna Wirth
	Janet Liples
	Pat Piasecki
Craft Table	Liz Watson
	Joanne D'Allura
Decorations	Barb Gleason
Door Prizes	Barbara Lewis
	Vickie Detweiler
Front Desk	Emily Kane
Layout/Set Up	Barb Miller
	Gina Gempesaw

	Bonnie Kane
Mini-Quilts	Eileen Witkowski
	Anita Lehman
Publicity	Bonnie Kane
Raffle Tix	Dee Carr
	Mary Finley
	Mary Beth Hoff
Registration	Barb Serafinas
Volunteers	Sue Clark
Raffle Quilt	Ellen Cicak
	Kathy Webb
Vendors	Joyce Helstrom

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!

UPCOMING QUILT SHOWS



Lancaster, PA - Sept 10-13

PA Nat'l Quilt Extravaganza - Sept 11-14 *

*Guild members are invited to volunteer as Exhibition Hostesses or

Judging Assistants at the September PNQE Show in Oaks PA. Credits

towards class fees are offered in return for volunteer service. Contact Sue Edelman for

more information/registration form. Additionally, members are encouraged to buy their

tickets to Oaks at Byrnes Sewing Connection in New Britain to get \$2 off the price of

their ticket and a free fat quarter.

Reach to Recovery Tote Bag Sewing Day – Sept 26, Rydal Park & Waters Clubhouse

(1637 Noble Circle, Jenkintown PA 19046)

