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President's message from Nancy Snow

Hi all,

Have you jumped on the Marie Kondo (The KonMari Method) band wagon? I've been hearing her methods joked about, so I put myself on the library waiting list for her book. I'm about 3/4 way through her book & although I think her mind definitely thinks differently from mine, she may have some good ideas that can help me. I agree with her that we should surround ourselves with the things we love. I find my house a little too cluttered & my husband looks around the rooms and says "nothing in here is mine!" Hmmm, I guess we all know who has the problem. BUT I can honestly tell you that all of my sewing machines spark joy and they aren't going anywhere!! It's a scary thought to put all my clothes/shirts in a pile on the floor, but I've come to believe - that's exactly what needs to happen to identify what I no longer need or want. It may start as Spring Cleaning, but I need to continue until I'm finished & happy with my house. Wish me luck. It will be harder with my quilting supplies & my fabric. I think I will always find room for those things. That fabric shopping trip in April probably won't help me declutter, but it will bring me a day of fun & fellowship with other quilters - That's worth the price of the bus trip. I hope you too find joy in your quilting projects. If you have projects that don't bring you joy, there is always the garage sale in June & the Boutique at the quilt show to move your items to a new owner.

I need to seriously ask for everyone to think about candidates for the next president. It is a bit of work, but as Lois Walters mentioned at the last meeting - the Board members & committee chairs are doing their jobs, but we need a person to lead us for the next two years. I find the hardest part of the job is not standing in front of the meeting, but writing these newsletter messages. Please seriously consider volunteering - this guild doesn't work without a president. If you know of a good candidate, please talk to her about taking on the position.

✔ April MEETING CHECKLIST! ✔

- Check the list for snack-bringers
- Bring FQ's and 5" squares
- Bring items for Show & Tell
- Bring money for anything you want to sign up for - workshops, bus trips

UPCOMING DATES

4/9 **Meeting:** 7pm
4/1 **Board meeting** 6:45pm



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Minutes of the March 12, 2019 Meeting



President Nancy Snow opened the meeting at 8:37 P.M. She reminded the guild that a quilt show co-chair is needed.

The January general meeting minutes were approved.

Wendy Bookhultz, treasurer, reported the beginning balance was \$11,120.34, outgoing- \$1,400.82; incoming- \$600.00; ending balance- \$10,237.84.

Kathy Miller, vice president reported there were 78 members, present. There were 2 guests and 2 new members, Shirley and Vicki

Sue Truby, Community Service, stated that 48 walker bags were sewn at the Saturday, March 9, 2019 workshop and 25 more bags came in at this meeting. The bags will go to Gracedale and Cedarbrook. She is collecting 5” squares to make preemie quilts in June for St. Luke’s Hospital.

The Sunshine and Shadows substitute gave the February birthday gift to Stephanie Oblas, and the March gift to Theresa Yankowy. Guild members Dolores Bartek and Evelyn Wiedl are recuperating.

Kathy Lopez, Librarian, presented \$33.00 raffle money to Carol Moll.

Charlene Weiss, Fat Quarters, reminded members to continue donating fat quarters for a drawing to win the full container.

Boots Horwath is running bus trips. She needs 14 more people to sign up for the Lancaster shopping trip. A bus trip is planned for the July 2019 Hershey Quilt Show, July 27, 2019.

Beth Swain, Programs, presented the “Bags” quilt block project for the guild members to complete and return in April. Members got different size precut fabric to make into squares. See the rest of the year’s program presentations listed in the newsletter.

Carol Moll, Web Master. Any problems or suggestions, contact Carol.

Bev Repsher, Historian, has made a very special historical remembrance scrapbook. She presented the guild scrapbook to the library for guild circulation.

Hospitality - Reminder to look for your name in the newsletter for snacks. Also a reminder to help cleanup after the meeting.

Newsletter- Nancy Weston was absent. Nancy Snow reminded chairpersons that newsletter material is due by March 21, 2019.

The board meeting is scheduled for Monday, April 1, 2019.

Quilt Show - Betsy Lawrence will chair the show. Darlene Repash volunteered to co-chair. Betsy is asking all members to volunteer. A quilt show treasurer is needed. Betsy will have a list in April of the chair people needed for the show. She asked for suggestions for the charity selection.

New Business - Lois Walters and Eugenia Emert are the nominating committee. They have selected Rayann Rohrer to be secretary. They still need candidate for guild president.

Nancy Snow called for a motion to close the meeting. The motion was made by Boots Horwath and seconded by Darlene Repash.

Respectfully submitted by Susanne C. Nelson, Secretary

FROM HOSPITALITY: Please remember that hospitality needs cleanup help each meeting. If it is your turn to bring snack, cleanup is part of the job. And everyone, if you clean up your area, that would be great! Thanks.



Sunshine and Shadows:

Get-well cards were sent to Doris Woodring, Dolores Bartek, and Evelyn Weidl





**SAVE THE DATES! Guild Year 2018-19 Calendar of Guild Events:
Meetings, Programs, Workshops, Community Sewing Days**

BOARD MEETINGS (6:45pm):	4/1, 5/6, 6/3, 8/5
REGULAR MEETINGS (7pm):	4/9, 5/14, 6/11
COMMUNITY SEWING DAY:	6/15
OPEN SEWS (6-9pm)	7/9, 8/13

- 4/9 **Meeting:** "All Mixed-Up Squares"
- 5/14 **Meeting:** Eve Vallorani
- 6/8 **Garage Sale** - more info coming soon
- 6/11 **Meeting:** "Oops, My Edges Are Showing," presentation by Karen Eckmeier of Quilted Lizard
- 6/12 **Workshop:** "Happy Villages" by Karen Eckmeier. www.quilted-lizard.com, 9am-4pm with a lunch break. \$50. Workshop materials/prep list: <http://quilted-lizard.com/workshops.htm>
- 6/15 **Community Service Sewing Day** - 9am-3pm. Making quilts from 5" squares

FROM THE PROGRAM COMMITTEE

April Meeting: "All Mixed Up Squares"

Please plan to join us with your assembled Cake Mix block or blocks in the bag. Some of you have a Cake Mix to assemble one 8" block. Others have a Cake Mix that makes 2 blocks that are half of a 16" block. The "half of 16" block should be cut on the 4" solid line.

If everyone returns with her block(s) in a bag, and should have what makes a 96" quilt when it's pieced together. We look forward to seeing everyone in April.



Eve Vallorani will join us at the May meeting.

Eve Vallorani is a professional textile artist who resides in Bucks County. Born in London, England, Eve traveled extensively in her youth with her parents. Immigrating to America in the early seventies her family settled in Pennsylvania where she earned her BA in Textile Design at Tyler School of Art.

Eve continued her artistic interests in painting and stained glass after getting married and raising a family, but working with fabric has always been her favorite medium. She held positions in several fabric stores over the years while sewing clothing, home dec and crafts for her daughters, herself and others. Later on she taught dressmaking to children and adults. In 2012 she was introduced to quilting and she quickly recognized that this was a great way to incorporate all of her creative interests into one. Experimenting with this process she combined her knowledge of design, sewing and passion for making art on fabric.

Eve feels the quilted surface is best suited for her artistic needs and has already won awards for her work. Now employed at Pennington Quilt Works, she is constantly exposed to the latest fabrics which helps fuel her inspiration. She finds that being around other quilters is great for motivation, learning new techniques and feedback. She also teaches students to break out of the traditional quilt-making process and express themselves with personal designs using free-motion quilting and thread play. One of her goals is to banish people's ideas of quilting as just making bed blankets and see it as a true art form

☆☆☆ You're going to love **September with Kevin the Quilter** - we've confirmed his visit and he's really looking forward to coming East to meet us. If you enjoyed Mark Lipinski and Bonnie Hunter, our time with Kevin will be a lot of fun. More info to come. Kevin's blog: <http://kevinthequilter.blogspot.com/>

9/10 **Meeting:** Kevin the Quilter

9/11 **Workshop:** Strip Stars - more info to follow

WORKSHOP JUNE 12 - Please see later in newsletter for more information on **Karen Eckmeier's "Happy Villages" workshop** where you can create fun projects using her unique method. Sewing machine optional the day of the workshop! Check out Karen Eckmeier's donated 4 books in our library: **Accidental Landscapes, Happy Villages****, **Wearable Waves, Wiggles & Waves**

NOTE: Workshops will be advertised and offered to other guilds. CQG members may sign up on a "first come - first served basis", up to 2 months prior to a workshop, at which time workshops will be advertised on GroupWorks! and/or offered to other guilds. **PROGRAM SIGNUPS:** may be mailed to Beth Swain, PO Box 696, Long Valley, NJ 07853. Contact Beth at 908-432-2505 if

Colorful Quilts by Bisa Butler use African Fabrics to Form Nuanced Portraits



<https://www.thisiscolossal.com/2019/02/colorful-quilts-by-bisa-butler/>



APRIL BIRTHDAYS

Patricia Eck	4/16
Dolores Bartek	4/18
Mary Jo Gonsiorowski	4/19
Janice Vasile	4/19
Barbara Kelly	4/29
Annette Mihalow	4/29
Hilda Alich	4/30



REMINDER from the treasurer:

If you purchase things for the guild, please remember to save your receipts and to fill out a petty-cash/check request form (available from the treasurer or from the guild website) to submit.



LIBRARY Kathy Lopez & Betsy Lawrence

NEW BOOK: Little Handfuls of Scraps by Edyta Sitar. Reminder: There is a serger sewing machine which is available for use by guild members; it can be checked out through the library.



FAT QUARTER FRENZZZY from Charlene Weiss

IT'S GONNA BE BETTER THAN EVER! You donate the fat quarters (18"X22"), as many as you like. We like anything, so long as it is nice, quilt-shop quality fabric. There is no requirement about theme or colors. Your donations are always appreciated, but please be sure what you donate would be fabric you would want to use in your own quilts! Bring in as many as you like and we'll put'em in the bucket until it's full. At each monthly meeting you fill out a chance to win for each FQ you donate and hopefully you'll get an entire "Bucket O' Quarters!" Imagine what you could do with a whole bucket of nice, clean, quality fat quarters.

COMMUNICATION ROUNDUP



NEW MEMBERS (and a reminder to members): An electronic newsletter is published every month and sent to your email address. It lists the minutes, committee information, and other guild announcements and events, as well as *the list of names responsible for the next meeting's refreshments*. If you do not have email, a copy will be sent to you via the postal service. Please enter imcajtuno@me.com and queeniesue18@gmail.com into your email address book/contacts to make sure you receive the newsletter/messages, and check your spam box as well. The newsletter is also posted on the www.colonialquilters.org webpage under members only. Newsletters are mailed to members without email access. These newsletters are now printed in-house and mailed by Nancy Snow. **NEW MEMBERS:** If you would like to be on GroupWorks!, please send an email to Nancy Weston at imcajtuno@me.com to sign you up. You will get an email from them telling you what to do next; there will be a link to sign in and a unique temporary password. Once you do, you will find the shortcut to "Colonial Quilters" in the upper left of the screen.

FACEBOOK : ATTENTION all members who use Facebook: Check out the Colonial Quilters Guild Facebook page! It's a closed group, so you'll need to ask to join (email Darlene R., crazysew@aol.com) Once you join, feel free to share any info you'd like with our other guild members (ie: photos of your latest quilt project, questions about quilt related items, etc!) You will find the patterns for the charity projects, such as the walker bags, on our website. <https://www.facebook.com/groups/604180513018705/>



UPCOMING EVENTS: QUILT SHOWS and EVENTS, BUS TRIPS AND CRUISES, QUILT RETREATS:

**April 5-6, Homemakers Country Quilters Quilt Show & Sale, Penn State Extension Building, Collegeville, PA. www.homemakerscountryquilters.org

**April 5-6, Mennonite Central Committee PA Relief Sale, PA Farm Show Complex, Harrisburg, PA. www.pareliefsale.org.

**April 13-14, Allentown Fiber Festival, Merchants Square Mall, Allentown, PA
www.allentownfiberfestival.com

**May 2-3 TRIFLES (play by Susan Glaspell, involves quilting. Studio Theater of Lafayette College, 248 North 3rd Street, Easton, PA. 7:30pm.

**May 4, Quilter's Buffet, Penn Rose Quilt Guild, Schoeneck Moravian Church, Nazareth. 8:15am-2:35pm. \$45, includes lunch. Register by 4/15 (info and form at <https://sites.google.com/view/pennrosequiltguild/home>)

**May 9-11, Mancuso Quiltfest Lancaster, Lancaster, PA. www.quiltfest.com.



BUS TRIP April 27th. Leave from the **William Penn Park & Ride**, Bethlehem/Easton town line. Depart 7:30am, return by 5:30pm. \$30 (checks to CQG). Visit Weaver's, Family Farm, Log Cabin, the Country Store and other shops in Intercourse. Bring a lunch or eat out. Sign up with Boots Horwath at the April meeting or call Boots at 610-867-4839. She needs 14 more people to sign up. **Also, a bus trip is planned for the July 2019 Hershey Quilt Show on July 27, 2019**



COMMUNITY SERVICE NEWS

Here is a friendly reminder about the **community service requirements for Sept 2018-June 2019**. Annually, each member is asked to donate something from one category. Please see the website (<http://www.colonialquilters.org>) for the categories or refer to your new member information. Please remember to sew a guild label on your quilt (**printed labels are available from Susan or Jami**), include your name on a slip of paper pinned to your donation, and sign in at our table. All donations are

to be given to Susan Truby and Jami Cooper at the monthly meetings; we are at the Community Service table at every meeting to answer questions and have patterns and instructions available. Patterns for charity items such as the walker bags are on our FACEBOOK page: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/604180513018705/>. You can also donate 4 yards of fabric to fulfill your charity requirement. It will be used for pillowcases for children, mastectomy bags or walker bags. Please remember it must be 100% cotton fabric of good quality and appropriate for our projects, and please wash your fabric before donating. Back by popular demand we are going to be Stashing for Charity (see below). We are so proud to be part of such a caring, giving group of women. Thank you!



WALKER-BAG SEWING DAY - 48 bags were sewn on Feb. 23, and twenty-five more were turned in at the March meeting! Way to go, ladies! The bags will go to Gracedale and Cedarbrook.



A California quilt shop recently devastated by fires is collecting **house blocks**. This is another great project for using up your scraps. Read the article at: <http://humblequilts.blogspot.com/2018/12/house-blocks-for-ca-fire-survivors.html>.



CHARITY SEWING - Susan Truby

PROJECT - "stashing for charity"

Back By Popular Demand!!! We had so much fun with this we are going to do it again!! Every month we will be **collecting Charm Squares/5" squares**, nice quality cotton, preferably I-Spy type fabrics - no flannel please. Your name will then be entered in a lottery to win a free guild membership. **Bring in a minimum of a dozen squares; for every 12 you donate, you will receive one lottery ticket.** Blocks will be used at the Community Sew Day on June 15 to make premie NICU quilts & Kids' Comfort quilts. There will be some backings, a roll of batting, and some binding strips available at the event. Hope to see you there!!

TURNING POINT COLLECTION CONTINUED

from Sue Nelson

*****Turning Point will accept only NEW clothing: sweat pants, tee-shirts, socks.** They also need large-size toiletries as the small hotel sizes don't last long. They are also in need of all sizes of storage bins, preferably clear. Target or Walmart gift cards are also accepted. Sue Nelson will have a large tote bag at the meetings to accept donations. ***Turning Point also said they could use twin-size quilts. The quilts would not belong to the clients but would stay at Turning Point shelters. This will be a special activity (see "New Charity Project with Guild Socialization Groups").



Happy Villages™

Fabric Collage Workshop



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Explore the freedom of fabric collage! No seams to piece or match, no lines to trace... just free form cutting of step and window shapes. Step by step your little village will magically come to life. A layer of tulle and machine stitching will complete your fabric collage project. Finished size: 16½" square.

To see *Happy Villages* made using this collage method please visit my website: www.quilted-lizard.com and look under the "Villages Gallery" and the "Student Gallery."

Fabric – BRING PRE-CUT TO WORKSHOP!!!!

Cut a 6½" square and a 6½" x 2" rectangle from each of the ten colors

- 10 Colors*** (look for 'textures' or 'solid-like' / NO large scale prints)

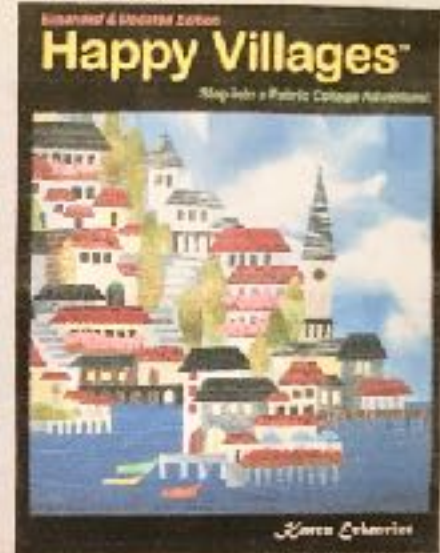
1. Dark Purple	6. Red
2. Lavender	7. Yellow
3. Dark Blue	8. Orange
4. Medium Blue	9. Deep Pink
5. Light Blue	10. Medium Green

***OR TEN COLORS THAT YOU LOVE, AS LONG AS THERE IS A RANGE OF VALUES STRIPES AND "SHINGLE" PRINT FABRICS ARE GREAT FOR ROOFTOPS

PLEASE BRING EXTRA FABRICS TO INCLUDE OPTIONAL SKY, TREES, WATER, ETC... (fabric requirements for a Seaside Village, a Fairytale Village, a Halloween Villages, etc... are in the book "Happy Villages")

Supplies

- Sewing Machine OPTIONAL for 6 hour workshop (for LATE afternoon with walking foot and/or free-motion foot and thread) If you want to work slowly leave your machine at home. If on the other hand you work quickly bring your machine to quilt your piece during the last 1-2 hours of class.) (Sewing Machine NOT NEEDED for the 3 hour workshop)
- Rotary Cutter and mat
- Rotary Cutter with wave/pinking/scallop blades (optional: but you'll love playing with these!)
- Ruler (6½" x 24" or long ruler to square piece)
- Roxanne's Glue-Baste-It™ or fabric/tacky glue with applicator tip
- Large and small fabric scissors
- Long Pins for basting (bring basting thread and needle if you will be finishing by hand)
- 16½" x 16½" square of 100% Cotton Batting (BRING PRE-CUT TO WORKSHOP!!!)
- Tweezers with a long handle
- Marking pencil or chalk
- ½ yard tulle (bring a couple different colors to 'audition'... black works surprisingly well!)
- ½ yard Backing Fabric OR 20" x 20" Black Felt
- 2 yards Multi-color Yarn (optional)
- *Happy Villages: Expanded & Updated Edition* - \$22 (highly recommended – but not required)





April Meeting Refreshments:

The following members are asked to provide refreshments (cookies, veggies, cut-up fruit...whatever you would like to bring) for the meeting:

**Ruth O'Connell Jan Orem Cathy Palmer Theresa Prah Ann Reiners
Darlene Repash Beverly Repsher Rayann Rohrer Patricia Roof Stephanie Rupert-Oblas**

Please ask someone to take your place if you are unable to help this month.

Have snacks at the church by 6:30pm & please help during the cleanup of the refreshment area.

May Newsletter items due by April 22

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Meetings are held on the 2nd Tuesday, 7pm, at the Holy Cross Evangelical Lutheran Church, 2700 Jacksonville Rd., Bethlehem, PA 18017



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