



COLONIAL QUILTERS GUILD



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President's message from Nancy Snow:

We had a nice group working on our pumpkin wool penny rug. Most of us should get them completed in time for Thanksgiving decorating. The program by Jackie Gawker on Tuesday night clearly had an impact on our group. One member customized her rug by adding extra leaves and others were using additional decorative embroidery stitches to enhance them. We also tried a different needle and most really loved the Fons and Porter needle (the one not made in China from old Chevy's). It really made a noticeable difference to use a good needle - made the hand stitching easier, smoother. Good tools are important. Jackie also inspired me to pull out some of my other wool projects and work on them. Betsy Lawrence commented that these were good projects to do while our family is watching football or some other sport. We can be in the same room with them and still work on our hobby. We are not just hiding out in our sewing rooms (although I do like hiding out there and ignoring the chores that need to be done). Before I got started in quilting, I used to listen to TV while working on my counted cross-stitch projects and I'm doing it again with some hand work. Happy Sewing!

I hope you take time to relax before this holiday season hits us and I do mean hits! Try to remember to slow down, relax and pick what's most important to you. Enjoy your family and friends this Thanksgiving and give out some hugs:

HUGGING

Feels good,

Dispels loneliness,

Overcomes fears,

Builds self-esteem, -(Wow! They actually want to hug me?)

Slows down aging,

Huggers stay younger longer,

Eases tension,

Fights insomnia,

Keeps arm and shoulder muscles in good condition,

Is ecologically sound,

Does not upset the environment,

Is democratic,

Anyone is eligible for a hug,

Is portable,

Affirms physical well-being,

Is energy-efficient, saves heat,

Makes impossible days possible,

Makes happy days happier.

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Minutes of CQG November 13,2018, Monthly General Meeting

Meeting called to order by President Nancy Snow.

Minutes from the October meeting accepted as posted.

Secretary: Unable to attend meeting. Betsy Lawrence volunteered to record the meeting minutes.

Treasurer: Wendy Bookhultz reported opening balance as \$12,659.02, incoming funds at \$62.00, outgoing funds at \$382.65 and closing balance as \$12,338.77.

Vice President: Kathy Miller reported 53 members present and 2 guests. Door prize won by Karen Stiles.

Community Service Chairperson: Susan Truby stated that the next community service days will be February 23 when the guild will make walker bags and June 15 will be a workday for children's quilts. Community service will be accepting 5" squares and fabrics for borders and sashing for the children's quilt project.

Sunshine and Shadows: Jane Merkel reported that cards were sent to Margo Blitz, Meg Ferry, MaryAnn Dutkin and Boots Horwath. Jane presented the November birthday card.

Library: Kathy Lopez: Winner of the 50/50 library drawing was Richele Voice. Amount was \$16.50 and \$16.50 went into the guild treasury. Kim Diehl's "Simple Whatnots: A Batch of Satisfying Scrappy Little Quilts" book was placed in the guild library in memory of Tedde Anderson. There is a serger sewing machine which is available for use by guild members and which can be checked out through the library.

Bus Trips: Boots Horwath: Next bus trip will be a spring shopping trip. Date not known at this time.

Fat Quarter: Charlene Weiss: Susan Truby was the first winner of the new fat-quarter lottery.

Program Committee: Beth Swain reported that the December meeting will be a High Tea. Bring your favorite tea cup. Program will be Michelle McLaughlin Designs STILL Worth Doing: A Celebration of Ruby Short McKim. January workshop with Carol Moll will be held on January 12.

Historian Bev Repsher had nothing to report. Hospitality: Dolores Bartek: Snacks not needed for the December meeting. Newsletter due by November 22. Next board meeting is December 3. Labels for charity quilts have been ordered. In memory book plates have been purchased for the library. The new Sunshine and Shadow policy is posted on website.

New Business:

The board is in the process of reviewing all guild policies and processes. Once reviewed and approved by the board the policies will be posted on the guild website. Newest policy reviewed was the Cancellation Policy which is now posted on the guild's website. In brief, in the event of bad weather the President will make a decision by noon of the day of the general meeting to cancel the meeting. Workshops will be cancelled the day prior to the event. An email will be sent out to all guild members and those without emails will receive a phone call.

Richele Voice & Darlene Repash have volunteered to make the raffle guild for the 2020 quilt show.

A Quilt Show Chairperson is needed. If interested contact Nancy Snow.

Barb Kelly motioned to adjourn meeting, seconded by Beth Swain. Nancy Snow adjourned the meeting.

From Kathy Miller, VP: There are still openings for new members! So bring family or friends. The more the merrier. Love to see more experienced quilters as well as inspiring the new quilters. Membership can still be renewed by paying your dues a meeting. **DUES \$25 payable to CQG, or cash**



**SAVE THE DATES! 2018-19 Calendar of Events:
Meetings, Programs, Workshops, Sewcials and Charity Sewing**

BOARD MEETINGS: 12/3; 2019: 2/4, 3/4, 4/1, 5/6, 6/3, 8/5

REGULAR MEETINGS: 12/11; 2019: 1/8, 2/12, 3/12, 4/9, 5/14, 6/11

CHARITY SEWING DAYS: 2019: 2/23, 6/15 **OPEN SEWS 2019:** 7/9, 8/13

PROGRAM SIGNUPS: may be mailed to Beth Swain, PO Box 696, Long Valley, NJ 07853
Contact Beth at 908-432-2505 if you have any questions.

- 12/11 **Meeting:** "Designs STILL worth doing: A celebration of Ruby Short McKim" - Michelle McLaughlin. High Tea; bring your favorite teacup.
- 12/15 **Workshop:** Last-Minute Xmas Gifts, 9am-3:30pm. Microwave bowls, potato bags, cord wraps. Materials needed: fabric, scissors, ruler, marking pen, sewing machine, thread. "Wrap 'n Zap" will be available for purchase. Complete material list will be provided to members signed up for the workshop.
- 1/12/2019 **Workshop:** "Tea-Time Leaf: Judy Niemeyer Leaf Placemats or Wall Hanging," Advanced Paper-Piecing Workshop with Carol MollCarol Moll, 9am-3:30pm. Class \$25, pattern \$22 (must be ordered in advance; pay Carol or purchase your own). Sign up with Carol.
SEE 1-PAGE FLYER IN NEWSLETTER (Page 6)
- 2/23 **Charity Sewing Day** - walker bags
- 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
- 6/15 **Charity Sewing Day** - making quilts from 5" squares

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

**February 28 - March 3, 2019,
Mancuso Mid-Atlantic Quilt Festival, Hampton,
VA, www.quiltfest.com.

**March 27-30, 2019, AQS Quilt Show,
Lancaster County Convention Center, 25 S.
Queen St, Lancaster, PA, www.quiltweek.com.

NOTE: the Lancaster Quilt Show at the
Continental Inn is moving to the DoubleTree
Resort, 2400 Willow Street Pike - Free
admission and free parking.

www.LancasterQuiltWeek.com

POLICY CORNER

CQG Policies, Procedures and Duties are being updated. As they are accepted by the board, they will be posted on the website.

This new section of the newsletter will alert members when revised policies are added to the website in the members' section.

POLICY:

MEETING/WORKSHOP CANCELLATION: By noon on a guild meeting or workshop day, if there is inclement weather (or it is on its way), a decision to cancel will be made by the president/vice president. Please be sure to check your email before you venture out, as an email notification will be sent out to members. For those who do not have email, a call tree was created and you will receive a phone call.

FAT QUARTER FRENZZZY - NEW FOR 2018-2019! 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 NEWS



NEW MEMBERS (and a reminder to members): A 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.

MEMBERS: *MyGrove changed their name to GroupWorks!* In the coming weeks, when you log into MyGrove, you will be automatically redirected to the GroupWorks.com login screen. Your username and password will be the same.

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.

Here is information about Groupworks!: This is a website which has partnered with the Mid-Atlantic Quilt Guild Network (MAQGNet). We will be able to share and communicate about Colonial Quilters events and activities to share information about upcoming shows and speakers with other guilds, which you can find on the calendar. If you chose, the site provides you with a way to do online sharing, to keep folks informed and up to date, and to share photos, videos, ideas and information (this will not replace our Facebook page). The site is extremely user friendly and the company that provides it is very helpful.; it takes your privacy very seriously and your email is visible ONLY to other Colonial Quilters members. You can go into "settings" to chose the way you receive emails: daily, weekly, etc. Please note that if at any time you would like to be removed, you can simply click unsubscribe at the bottom of any email you receive from our GroupWorks!.

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. Once you do, 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!) *****By the way, you will find the patterns for the charity projects, such as the walker bags, on our site. <https://www.facebook.com/groups/604180513018705/>



LIBRARY - New Books from Kathy Lopez & Betsy Lawrence
A request from the librarians! Please bring back any books you still have out so that we can finish inventory!

Simple Whatnots: A Batch of Satisfyingly Scrappy Little Quilts by Kim Diehl was ordered in memory of Tedde Anderson

*****OTHER NEWS: There is a serger sewing machine which is available for use by guild members and which can be checked out through the library.

★★★ Check out the calendar of events for updates from the Program Committee! ★★★



DEC MEETING CHECKLIST!

- Bring your favorite teacup
- Bring items for Show & Tell
- Checks/\$ for signups for 1/12
- FQ's for Fat Quarter Frenzy



- Kathleen Horwath 12/9
- Nanci Blankowitsch 12/10
- Cindy Fantasia 12/10
- Carol Moll 12/11
- Darlene Dreisbach 12/14
- Michele Glynn 12/18
- Carol Hartway 12/20
- Mary Lou Straka 12/20
- Gail Kromer 12/21
- Judy Thompson 12/23
- Charmaine Weisenbacher 12/23
- Sue Jones 12/24
- Lillian Behrens 12/25
- Margo Billetz 12/28
- Connie Schick 12/28
- Marcella Smullen 12/30
- Romy Norris 12/19
- Karen Hallman 12/29

UPCOMING DATES

- 12/3 Board meeting 6:45
- 12/11 Meeting: High Tea & Michelle McLaughlin 7pm
- 12/15 Workshop: Last-minute Holiday Gifts 9am-3:30pm



BUS TRIP

There will be no Fall shopping bus trip. the next one is planned for the Spring.



GEE'S BEND -For a new beautifully filmed, sensitive video about the community of Gee's Bend quilters, see: <https://www.nytimes.com/video/opinion/10000006143052/while-i-yet-live.html>



Sunshine and Shadows: The purpose of Sunshine and Shadows for our guild is to share with members in a compassionate or congratulatory manner when life hands us challenges or accolades. However, in keeping with privacy issues regarding dissemination of health information, no statements regarding the nature of an illness or health issue will be revealed to our membership. We sent a get-well card to member Meg Ferry. We also sent a get-well card to former (but long time) member, Janice Anthony. We sent a sympathy card to Suzanne C. Nelson upon the death of her brother.





TEA TIME PLACEMATS (OR WALL HANGING)

Advanced Paper-Piecing By Carol Sue Moll



Date: Saturday, January 12, 2019, 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

(In the event of cancellation due to bad weather, the program will be rescheduled as soon as weather permits)

Location: Holy Cross Evangelical Lutheran Church, 2700 Jacksonville Road, Bethlehem, PA

Cost: Class instruction - \$25; pattern - \$22, plus fabric. **Pattern MUST BE ORDERED in advance. Pay Carol or purchase your own.**

Supply List:

- Pattern: Tea Time Placemats by Judy Niemeyer
- Fabric requirements: See back of pattern package. MARK YOUR FABRIC WHEN YOU BUY IT AS TO WHICH SECTION IT'S FOR – C-1, C-2, C-3, C-4, C-5 on back of pattern

Equipment List (Supply list in pattern suggests a few items that I find unnecessary, such as 18" Add-A-Quarter Ruler and Purple Thang, etc. I recommend those below):

- Sewing machine (check your instruction manual before class if you're not sure how to change your stitch length – we'll use a shorter than usual length)
- Rotary cutter, small and large cutting mat, 6" x 24" ruler
- 12" Add-a-Quarter Ruler
- Straight edge 3"x 12" made of template plastic or postcard weight paper
- Box of small paper clips and three 1-gallon Ziplock bags
- Glue pen/stick (I prefer this rather than Roxanne's Basting Glue)
- Seam roller or small iron
- Sewing thread to coordinate with your fabric.
- Paper scissors, pins, seam ripper, etc. that you normally use when sewing

PLEASE BE CONSIDERATE OF YOUR CLASSMATES - BE FAMILIAR WITH YOUR SEWING MACHINE AND BE ON TIME SO YOU ARE PREPARED TO START THE PROJECT WHEN CLASS BEGINS!

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, 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 wheelchair bags. Please remember it must be 100% cotton fabric of good quality and appropriate for our projects, and please wash your fabric before donating. NEW this year - on February 23, 2019 we are going to have a Community Sew Walker Bag Day. As an employee of an area Nursing home I can tell you that my residents are thrilled to receive the bags! And 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!



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. Blocks will be used at the Community Sew Day June 15 to make preemie 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!!

NEW CHARITY PROJECT WITH GUILD SOCIALIZATION GROUPS!

Does anyone wants to participate in sewing groups tasked to make twin-size quilts for Turning Point? We will put a signup sheet out at the meetings . Then we’ll put the names of all interested in a bowl and draw out names for what group you will belong to. This will help new people and older members to interact together with a fun project. The quilts will be a project with no time limit to finish, but June would be nice so we could all see them before summer break!



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 be a special activity (see “New Charity Project with Guild Socialization Groups”).





December Meeting Refreshments:

No need for members to bring snacks this month.

January Newsletter items due by Dec. 20 (due to holiday)

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