



COLONIAL QUILTERS GUILD



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President's message from Nancy Snow

I may sound like a broken record here, but we REALLY need a Quilt Show Chairperson. This is an important event for our guild. We've received a lot of good feedback from our past shows. We need someone to learn the ropes & continue the great progress that we've achieved in the past. The show is a good way to display our quilting skills, while making money for both our guild & the selected charity. There are sub-committees that organize the different activities & the chairperson is there to keep us all moving in the right direction. Please talk to Betsy Lawrence for detailed information - she has documented the high-level duties & posted them on our website.

We had a great group of people learning the Judy Niemeyer paper-pieced leaf placemats from Carol Moll. I now have the confidence to tackle another one of her patterns. Our classes are a great way to learn a new skill without having to travel very far. We have some additional classes coming up this year - please sign up & add to your skills inventory.

Bring your 2.5" strips for Strip Poker at our February meeting. This dice game is a fun & competitive way to supplement your inventory of strips (if you win!). It's amazing how fast your friends will turn on you (in jest), while you are collecting their strips!! I've played this game with my mini-group & we've had a blast!

Also in February, we are having the first of our two community service days. This time we are making the walker totes -- this is a very easy pattern -- check out the pattern on the website or Facebook page. It includes a link to a YouTube video. These community service days are a fun way to meet some of the other members in the guild. Another way to meet other members is to volunteer -- Quilt Show Chairperson is a great way!!! I can't let this go, I'm going to be a broken record -- we seriously need someone to step up & volunteer. Please consider it.



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Minutes of CQG January 8, 2018, Monthly General Meeting

MEETING was called to order by President Nancy Snow.

CHAIR FOR QUILT SHOW: Nancy Snow continued to call for someone (or someone and a friend) to chair the Quilt Show for next year; Betsy Lawrence will have description of duties on line soon and will help; good chance to get to know Guild members and learn new skills; person(s) needed this month, as it's time to sign the contract for the Chrin Community Center; raffle quilt is already being worked on.

MINUTES from December accepted as posted (Beth Swain and ?)

TREASURER: starting balance Dec 1: \$11,677.84; no income; outgoing: \$569.55; new balance: \$11,108.29.

MEMBERSHIP: 43 attending, one new member (Jan Verini); one guest who will be joining, Janice Vesail (?); door prize: Mary Lou Straka

COMMUNITY SERVICE: FEB 23, Community Service Day, 9 – 3, to make walker bags (see FB and Website for video instructions); need 2 pcs good quality fabric, 15" X width; bring lunch. June 15, Community Service Day to use 5" squares.

SUNSHINE AND SHADOW: Richele Voice won the Crazy Quilters Raffle quilt; Ellie Lazar won birthday raffle

LIBRARY: UCC church in Nazareth (who lost their quilting room) has donated books and magazines to the Guild; some will be added to the library

FAT QUARTER FRENZY: fill the container and win all the fat quarters; 73 were won last time

PROGRAM: TONIGHT: Round Robin Rulers. Sat 1/12, workshop with Carol Moll. Feb: strip poker (bring 12 WOFx@2.5" strips).

WEBSITE: Policies posted as approved by the board; officer duties are being posted; updated links/document for pillowcases and walker totes have been posted.

HOSPITALITY: look for your names in Newsletter for snacks

NEWSLETTER: articles due by 1/22; Guild is buying a printer to print mailed newsletter in-house to save on expenses.

OLD BUSINESS: Next board meeting Monday, Feb 4 6:45 PM

ADJOURN: 7:25.

Respectfully submitted, Judy Smullen, Acting Secretary

From Kathy Miller, VP: I can't believe we are already halfway through our quilt year. It has been great and I look forward to more fun in the next 5 meetings. Having 5 meetings more gives you opportunity to fulfill your 4-meeting requirement for the year, with a month to spare. If there is a problem which causes you to not attend 4 meetings, please call me. Also, there are still openings for new members, plus membership can still be renewed by paying your dues a meeting. DUES \$25 payable to CQG, or cash.



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

BOARD MEETINGS: 2/4, 3/4, 4/1, 5/6, 6/3, 8/5
REGULAR MEETINGS: 2/12, 3/12, 4/9, 5/14, 6/11
CHARITY SEWING DAYS: 2/23, 6/15
OPEN SEWS 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.

- 2/12 **Meeting:** Strip Poker - bring 12 WOFX2.5" quilt-shop quality strips
- 2/23 **Community Service Sewing Day** - walker bags
- 3/12 **Meeting:** Sue Suhre "Quiting My Way" - lecture/demo: thoughts on everything quilting
- 3/16 **Workshop:** Sue Suhre "Invisible Machine Applique" - see info elsewhere in newsletter
- 4/19 **Meeting:** "All Mixed-Up Squares"
- 5/14 **Meeting:** Eve Vallorani
- 6/8 Garage Sale
- 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 **Community Service 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

From Jane Merkel: A quilt trip is being planned to attend The Houston International Quilt Festival in 2019. If you have any interest in receiving the information, you must contact her to be placed on her mailing list.

✓ FEB MEETING CHECKLIST! ✓

- Check the list for snack-bringers
- Bring items for Show & Tell
- FQ's for Fat Quarter Frenzy and 5" squares
- Bring money for anything you want to sign up for



WORKSHOP MARCH 16



* This 6-hour class will teach you a method of machine applique that is quick and truly invisible: no raw edges, no need for tiresome and challenging satin stitching. Students will learn to create an appliquéd piece on the sewing machine that emulates fine hand appliqué.

The first part of the session will cover fabric selection and preparation of the pieces; the second will cover the application of the pieces by machine. Personal tips will be shared with lots of individual attention. Your project can become an instant heirloom wall hanging or can be used as a pillow cover.

The class covers accurate straight-line applique, soft curves and circles, as well as inside corners and outside points.

The technique is not difficult, but patience and attention to detail are required.

It's fun to see the "ta-da" look as the pattern takes on its own life in each student's particular choice of fabrics.



UPCOMING DATES

- 2/4 Board meeting
- 2/12 Regular meeting
- 2/23 Charity Sewing Day



- Noor Bano Ali 1/5
- Ellie Lazar 1/8
- Laurel Eime 1/21
- Darlene Repash 1/24
- Sheri Seip 1/27
- Evelyn Wiedl 1/31



LIBRARY

Kathy Lopez & Betsy Lawrence

New book: **Start With Strips, 13 Colorful Quilts from 2 1/2 inch Strips** By Susan Ache

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

—Also in the library are 4 books donated by **Karen Eckmeier**, who is our June meeting and workshop presenter. She will be doing the Happy Villages** workshop on June 13. It is really fun and different! Check out her books:

Accidental Landscapes

Happy Villages**

Wearable Waves

Wiggles & Waves

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TIDBITS

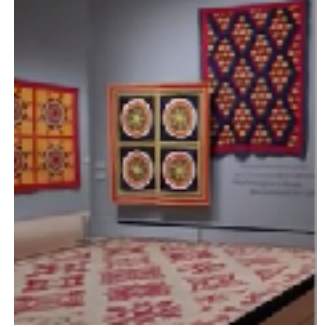
Amazing chair from an old Singer Treadle Sewing Machine!



THE QUILTS OF KEN BURNS

"Filmmaker Ken Burns has collected quilts since the 1970's, but he's never publicly shared his collection... until now. Burns once said, "I make films for other people; I collect quilts for myself." In this interview with *Nebraska Stories*, Burns shares why he's become a collector of this beautiful and functional art form."

<https://www.facebook.com/kenburnspbs/videos/1818026928264056/>



Remember those incredible quilters from Gee's Bend? They now have quilt retreats! There are 3 in 2019 and all have waitlists! The 2020 one is March 4-8 in Canton, MS.

<https://www.geesbendquiltingretreats.com/>



SHARP BLADES IN RETURN FOR YOUR USED ONES!

After the informative ruler session last meeting, where Cindy F. talked about blades, there is something good to know about: The LP Sharp Company. It is a small company that deals only in rotary-cutter blades. You send them your used blades (in units of 5) and they give you a discount on new Olfa or generic blades. They use your old blades, which they sharpen, to sell to companies that cut leather, etc.

Check out the company at <http://www.lpsharp.com>.



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 ROUNDUP



Notice to members who get the newsletter by mail: from now on, if you have a problem with delivery, please contact Nancy Snow rather than Sue Nelson or Nancy Weston. She will be sending out the USPS copies starting with the January edition.

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.

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. 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/>

NEW COMMUNITY SERVICE 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!



Kathy Kemmerer 610-691-3917 or kemm6@yahoo.com for more info.

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

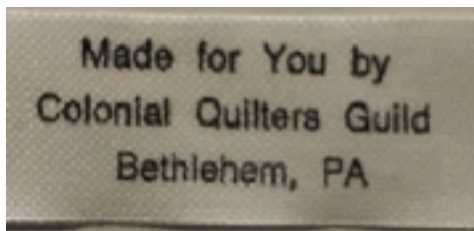
monthly meetings; we are at the Community Service table at every meeting to answer questions and have patterns and instructions available. Patterns for charity items such as the walker bags are on our FACEBOOK page: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/604180513018705/>. You can also donate 4 yards of fabric to fulfill your charity requirement. It will be used for pillowcases for children, mastectomy bags or 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. 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. **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 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!!



- Check out the new fabric (tape) labels we had printed for you to use
- on your charity quilts. (They are actually white but the photograph
- came out darker.) Ask Susan or Jami for a label to sew on your
- project before turning it in.

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”).





February Meeting Refreshments:

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

**Kathy Kemmerer Rose Marie Klim Maryann Kostenbader
Laraine Kresge Gail Kromer Betsy Lawrence Ellie Lazar
Karen LeyFert Gloria Lohn Kathy Lopez**

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.

March Newsletter items due by Feb. 22

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