



COLONIAL QUILTERS GUILD



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President's message from Nancy Snow

I know Spring is on the way when I can count down the days to the first quilt show of the season! I'm taking a Free-Motion Quilting class at the Lancaster AQS show & I'm getting excited - just a little over 1 month to go. Inside, I'm still the same impatient 2 year old - I want it now & don't want to wait. When I'm expecting a package, I'm the person giving every UPS & FedEx truck a dirty look when they pass my house but don't stop!!! How dare they drive past my house & not have my package at 8am!

I like going to the quilt shows to see the different quilts - some I love & admire the workmanship & others not so much. I don't have a problem with that - we are not all the same & we each have our own interests. The various colors just make me happy. This is one of the reasons that I think we all like Show & Tell so much -- not only do we get to show off our work (a little vanity is not a bad thing) - we can get inspired by others. Oh & I love quilt shows for all the vendors (of course) - where I buy way too many gadgets, too much fabric & too many books!!!

The board will be discussing our quilt show at the next board meeting. It's very possible that this will be our last show -- after 35 years, this is a sad situation. Our quilt show has a good reputation & I know it will be missed. But we can only do it with volunteers & so far, no one has stepped up to chair it. I understand that everyone has a life outside the guild, but without volunteers & support - the work stops. It can't be the same small group of people working. The board will discuss different ways to earn the money for the guild - rather than from a quilt show. Let us know if you have any ideas.

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UPCOMING DATES

3/12 **Meeting:** Sue Suhre "Quilting My Way" 7pm

3/16 **Workshop:** Sue Suhre "Invisible Machine Applique"

3/4 **Board meeting** 6:45pm

There are no minutes for the Feb. meeting - it was cancelled due to inclement weather.

 **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.



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.

From Kathy Miller, VP: I can't believe we are already more than halfway through our quilt year. It has been great and I look forward to more fun. Having 4 meetings more gives you opportunity to fulfill your 4-meeting requirement for the year. 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 at a meeting. DUES \$25 payable to CQG, or cash.



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 at the March meeting or call Boots at 610-867-4839



Sunshine and Shadows: A get-well card was sent to Doris Woodring. She recently returned home from a hospital stay.



LIBRARY

Kathy Lopez & Betsy Lawrence

NEW BOOK: Rock Solid: 13 Stunning Quilts Made With Kona Cottons

Compiled by Karen M. Burns

—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**, 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**



March MEETING CHECKLIST!

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



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

BOARD MEETINGS (6:45pm):	3/4, 4/1, 5/6, 6/3, 8/5
REGULAR MEETINGS (7pm):	3/12, 4/9, 5/14, 6/11
COMMUNITY SEWING DAY:	6/15
OPEN SEWS (6-9pm)	7/9, 8/13

- 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. \$45.
Class list available upon signup.
- 4/9 **Meeting:** “All Mixed-Up Squares”
- 5/14 **Meeting:** Eve Vallorani
- 6/8 Garage Sale - more info coming in April
- 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

☆☆☆ 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

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 you have any questions. Checks should be made payable to CQG.



From the Program Committee: “Sew” happy to share information about our March meeting and workshop with Sue Suhre. Sue is from Sinking Spring, PA and has won several awards for quilts entered in shows. (Thank you for sharing her with us, Jane Merkel!) On March 16 will be the “Invisible Appliqué Workshop” - we hope you’ll consider joining us. To date, 5 members are signed up; maximum 14. \$45 per person. The photo is a snapshot of the workshop sample.
During the March 12 meeting, prior to Sue’s presentation, the Program Committee will take a few moments to update you regarding plans for April’s meeting: “All Mixed Up Squares.” Also we’ll have sign up sheets for both Sue’s and Karen Eckmeier’s June 12 Workshop, “Happy Villages.”

**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.

Apologies that I inadvertently left out Feb. b'days in the last issue.

WORKSHOP JUNE 12 - Please see pp. 8-9 for more information on Karen Eckmeier's "Happy Villages" workshop, and enjoy the photos of some of the kinds of "scenes" you can create using her unique and fun experience. Bonus: sewing machine optional the day of the workshop!

FEBRUARY

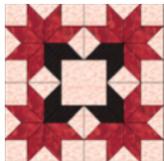
Kathy Lopez	2/1
Deb Shupe	2/1
Doreen Daly	2/6
Louise Fehnel	2/10
Nancy Snow	2/10
Stephanie Rupert-Oblas	2/13
Meg Ferry	2/16
Janet Yandriseviets	2/20
Barbara Snyder	2/21
Beverly Repsher	2/22
Mary Henning	2/23
Wendy Bookhultz	2/24
Carol Smith	2/24
Patricia Roof	2/25
Janice Verini	2/25



MARCH

Joanne McCarthy	3/3
Nancy Weston	3/6
Jan Orem	3/12
Gloria Lohn	3/18
Marjory Fray	3/20
Betsy Lawrence	3/21
Marie Yost	3/29
Theresa Yankow	3/30

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



**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

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

**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.

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TIDBITS

VIDEO TO WATCH:

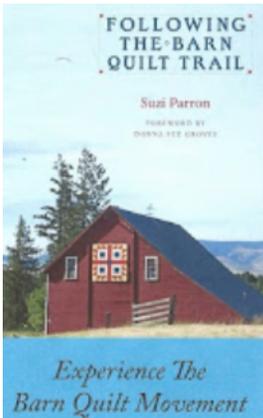
Gees Bend Quilters & Joe Cunningham, INDUSTRY episode

<https://youtu.be/i6kcRkapFKk>



One of the few plays I know about that involves quilting: **TRIFLES** by Susan Glaspell, will be presented at the Studio Theater of Lafayette College, 248 North 3rd Street, Easton, PA. May 2-3PM. 7:30pm.

Did she or didn't she? Mr. Wright has been strangled and Mrs. Wright is acting strangely. The investigating men can't find any evidence, but their wives, gathered in the kitchen, piece together the story by observing domestic clues invisible to the local lawmen.



Reading an interesting article in the SMITHSONIAN about Kansas, I discovered a tidbit about the Flint Hills Quilt Trail. Go to <http://ksflinthillsquilttrail.blogspot.com/p/home.html> You would not believe how many barn quilts there are. Maybe too far for a road trip, but there are dozens and dozens of wonderful photos.



Mrs. Bobbins finds a good use for her treadmill.



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 sends out the USPS copies.

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

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



COMMUNITY SEWING DAY - On February 23rd, 20 members gathered at the church and completed 48 walker bags, with more taken home to finish. It was a wonderful day (with great snacks and goodies!) Many thanks to all who came out and participated and thanks to Susan Truby for a day well organized and fun!

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!



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!!

T-shirt Blanket/Quilt Project for Charity:

<https://www.facebook.com/ProjectRepat/videos/10100161142391305/>



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>.

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)

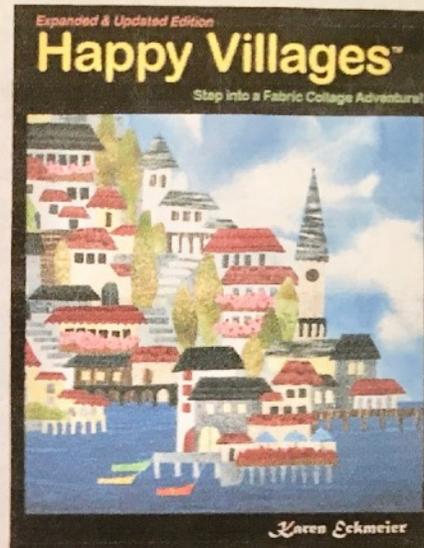
1. Dark Purple	6. Red
2. Lavender	7. Yellow
3. Dark Blue	8. Orange
4. Medium Blue	9. Deep Pink
5. Light Blue	10. Medium Green

***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 Village, 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)





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GREECE



HALLOWEEN



CHRISTMAS VILLAGE



March Meeting Refreshments:

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

**Mary Ellen Martin Joanne McCarthy Jane Merkel Annette Mihalow
Kathy Miller Carol Moll Yvonne Moor Catherine Mouer Sue Nelson Romy Norris**

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.

April Newsletter items due by March 21

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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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