



COLONIAL QUILTERS GUILD



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President's message from Nancy Snow:



As you will see in the newsletter list of birthdays, February is my birth month & I try to get my husband to celebrate the whole month. He doesn't quite go for it!! He also doesn't go for all the "Major Gift Giving" holidays that I announce: -- like Jan 11 National Milk Day; Feb 2 Groundhog Day; Mar 23 National Puppy Day.... you get the idea. But as I sit here in my nice house, I realize how truly fortunate most of us are. That makes me proud of the Community Service projects that we make & donate to those in need. Quilters are people who are truly generous with our talents. Please make some extra effort to donate fabric or participate in our Community Service day on Feb 24 - it's a fun day & there are jobs for everyone. I know that I will be spending some time during the next few weekends cutting out the Mastectomy bags & pillows to get ready for that day. Or donate to the effort for making & sending baby quilts to Puerto Rico, for there some people have truly lost everything. So as I sit here in my warm house, making jokes about receiving lots of gifts this month, it really makes me feel better to share my blessings with others and I hope you feel the same. A special thanks for the people who stepped up at the last meeting for the Program & Nominating committees. Spreading the work around makes the jobs easier & you get to meet new friends.



The nominating committee has been formed to fill the jobs of VP and Treasurer; serving on the nominating committee are members Jane Merkel, Bev Repsher, Cathy Rupp, & Doris Woodring.

IMPORTANT MESSAGE ABOUT THE NEWSLETTER

Articles for the March issue of the newsletter need to be submitted by Feb. 15 - this change is due to the travel and medical situations of your editors.

From Kathy Kemmerer, VP: There are still openings for new members!

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Colonial Quilters Guild General Meeting Jan. 9, 2017 - MINUTES

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 P.M. President Nancy Snow, asked for volunteers for the nominating committee which would select candidates for vice president and treasurer. If no one volunteers, she can appoint members to assume this duty. Nancy Snow asked for volunteers for the program committee. Bonnie Moor and Beth Swain volunteered to be on the program committee.

Kathy Kemmerer accepted the December meeting minutes. Jane Merkel seconded the motion.

Charlene Weiss, treasurer, reported the balance as \$12,840.17.

Kathy Kemmerer awarded the door prize to Lisa Zinkler.

Susan Truby reported that lots of 5 inch squares have been donated for Stashing for Charity. Community Service Day/mastectomy bags is scheduled for February 24, 2018.

Boots Horvath reported there is no bus trip planned for the Lancaster Quilt Show. There will be a shopping trip in May, 2018.

Nancy Weston is taking registrations until 3/19/2018 for the Eleanor Levie workshop on Wed., April 11, 2018. Fifteen people need to sign up or there is a possibility of cancellation.

At the February meeting, the guild will be making fabric stars. Bring the required items listed in the newsletter.

Quilt Show: Betsy Lawrence reported that the next Quilt Show meeting is January 22, 2018 at 6:45. Committee chairs are asked to attend. Lois Walters reported she has 96 registered quilts. She'd like to have 150 quilts for the show. Registration must be in by March 15, 2018. If the quilt is not completed by this date, send its size and a picture to Lois Walters. Mary Misiura has boutique sale forms. Magazines will not be sold at the show but can be purchased at the guild meetings. The cafe, Lisa Zinkler, needs frozen turkeys.

Kathy Lopez awarded Brenda Hoagland \$34.00 from the library raffle.

Nancy Weston reported on the MyGrove site's member signup and usage. See information in the newsletter. Nancy Weston asked the guild to make baby and children's quilts to be donated for Puerto Rico hurricane relief through a church group. Audrey Ney has volunteered to supply the batting and long-arm quilt these baby quilts. Nancy Weston offered to pay for shipping. Sue Nelson suggested alternative ways to pay for shipping; the board will discuss Feb. 5 at its meeting.

The meeting closed for layer-cake refreshments to be followed by RCL layer-cake poker.

Respectfully submitted, Susanne C. Nelson, Secretary



Layer -cake
RCL last
time,
next time
spool poker!

UPCOMING DATES

- 2/5 Board meeting 6:45**
- 2/13 Regular meeting - making stars**
- 2/24 Charity sewing day**
- 2/26 Quiltfest meeting**

FAT QUARTER LOTTERY

Feb. theme - hearts red & white, pink

Bring in a fat quarter or two. You have a chance to win a stack of fat quarters. Fat quarters are 18" x 22" fabric. Please only bring fat quarters that are the theme of the month and are quality quilt fabrics. - Ellie Lazar



COMMUNICATION NEWS

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, anything you'd like!)

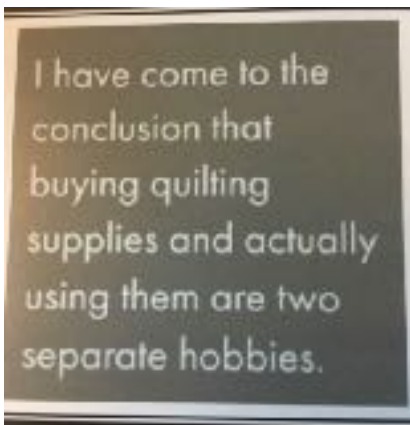
MYGROVE : The guild has another **new communication tool**, MyGrove, which has partnered with the Mid-Atlantic Quilt Guild Network (MAGNet). This will help us to communicate about Colonial Quilters events and activities and share information about upcoming shows and speakers with other guilds, which you can find on the calendar. MyGrove was explained at the January meeting. You have received an email from Spencer Morgan with 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. 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 from MyGrove, you can simply click unsubscribe at the bottom of any email you receive from our group.

✔ FEBRUARY MEETING CHECKLIST! ✔

- BRING Fat Quarters for FQ lottery
- BRING 5" squares for "Stashing for Charity"
- Turn in quilt raffle ticket money
 - Bring fabric strips and tools for making quiltfest boutique stars
- Sign up for April 11 workshop \$35
- Turning Point Donations

★HAPPY★
BIRTHDAY!

Kathy Lopez	2/1
Deb Shupe	2/1
Nancy Echenberg	2/10
Louise Fehnel	2/10
Nancy Snow	2/10
Stephanie Rupert-Oblas	2/13
Meg Ferry	2/16
Janet Yandrisevits	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





**SAVE THE DATES! 2017 Calendar of Events:
Programs, Workshops, Saturday Sewcials and Charity Sewing**

PLEASE NOTE THE CHANGE OF DATES ON THE SATURDAY SEWCIAL AND THE CHARITY SEWING DAY!

BOARD MEETINGS: 2/5, 3/5, 4/2, 5/30, 6/4, 8/6

QUILTFEST MEETINGS: 2/26 3/26, 4/23

- 2/13 Meeting: Hand sewing for the Quiltfest Boutique, focusing on the “Reuse, Recycle, and Renew” theme, presented by the Program Committee. Info elsewhere in newsletter: what to bring.
- 2/24 (DATE CHANGE) Community Service sewing day, 9am-4pm. Mastectomy Bags, other projects
- 3/13 Meeting: Quiltfest preparation and organization, presented by the Quiltfest Committee
- **3/24 Saturday Sewcial, 9am-4pm. \$5 - date changed from 3/17**
- 4/10 Meeting: Eleanor Levie, “Rock Your Quilting” - Eleanor will show a dozen different and unconventional ways to inject originality and unique style into your quilting by designing new blocks, adding unusual materials, techniques and embellishments, and personalizing with names or monograms.
- **4/11 Workshop: 9am-4pm. Eleanor Levie, PROGRAM CHANGE: “Weave a Quilt With Me.” See info elsewhere in newsletter.**
- **5/5-6 The Colonial Quilters Guild’s Quiltfest (show), Charles Chrin Community Center, 4100 Green Pond Rd., Palmer Township, PA. Sat. 10-5, Sun. 10-4**
- 5/8 Meeting: Merry May, “Quivial Pursuit” - Hilarious quilting trivia game show hosted by a Famous Unknown Quilter. A fun program after the hard work of the quilt show!
- 6/12 CQG 35th Anniversary Banquet, BLUE Event Center, 6-9pm. See info elsewhere in newsletter.
- 6/16 Community Service sewing day, 9am-4pm - Children’s Quilts using the 5” squares collected all year
- 7/10 and 8/14 Open Sew, 6-9pm

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

February 8-11 - Birds of a Feather, Herndon, VA, www.thelongarmnetwork.com

March 2-3 - Susquehanna Valley Quilt Guild, World War I Centennial Quilt Show, www.susquehannaquilters.org

March 1-3 - Quilt Review, MCC EC MaterialResources Center, W. 517 Trout Run Rd., Ephrata, PA.

www.PAReliefSale.org

March 21-24 - AQS Quilt Show, Lancaster, PA, www.quiltweek.com and The Lancaster Quilt Show, The Continental Inn, www.lancasterquiltweek.com

April 14-15, County Line Quilters, Path Around the Garden Quilt and Fabric Art Exhibition, St. Cyril of Jerusalem Social Hall, Jamison, PA. www.saint-cyril.com

April 15-16 - Steel City Fiber Festival, Merchant Square Mall, Allentown, PA

April 26-29 - The Quilt and Sewing Fest of NJ, The New Jersey Convention and Exposition Center, Edison, NJ, www.quiltfest.com

May 18-19 - Celebration of Quilts 2018, York Quilters Guild, York College of PA, www.celebrationofquilts.com

May 19-20 = Garden State Quilters Guild Quilt Show 2018, Parsippany PAL, Parsippany, NJ, www.gardenstatequilters.com

September 13-16 - Pennsylvania National Quilt Extravaganza, Greater Philadelphia Expo Center, Oaks, PA. www.quiltfest.com

Program February 2018 — WHAT YOU WILL NEED

At the **February meeting** we will be making folded fabric stars to sell in the boutique at Quiltfest in May. You will need to bring at least 4 prepared fabric strips cut to 3 1/4 x 13". Strips can be different fabrics or 4 of the same. It is suggested to use holiday prints or solids including a variety of colors (think Red, Green, Blue, Purple, etc.)(Note: fabric with gold, silver threads don't work that well.)

Each completed star uses 4 strips. Bring extras if you choose because at the meeting you can exchange strips with others if you like and you may make more than one star. They are fun and addictive to make! The hangers are made from embroidery floss, which we will have available. If you have extra hanks of floss, bring them - especially if they are holiday colors such as red and green. Bring a small pair of scissors, a needle with an eye that can take a few strands of embroidery floss, a pair of tweezers or a bodkin, and 4-8 binder clips or wonder clips.

TO PREPARE FABRIC STRIPS - Make 4

1. Press each strip in half lengthwise, wrong sides together to create a center fold. Open up.
2. Fold in each long side again lengthwise in to center fold and press
3. Fold again lengthwise in half and press. Your strip should look like double-fold bias tape.



Our **35th anniversary dinner** will be held on Tuesday, June 12, 2018 at the Blue Event Center, 4431 Easton Avenue, Bethlehem. Arrival is from 6:00 pm to 6:30 pm. We have four entree options: flounder stuffed with jumbo lump crab; chicken Marsala; braised boneless short ribs; and a vegetarian option of penne pasta with julienne vegetables. The dinner includes a market green salad, rolls and butter, coffee, assorted teas and soft drinks, with Dutch apple pie a la mode for dessert. There will also be a cash bar. There will be a program with games (prizes!) and entertainment, and a **"Quilter's Hat Contest."** Start thinking now about decorating a hat to wear that evening with a sewing/quilting theme. There will be prizes for hats such as most creative, most beautiful, etc. Mary Jo Gonsiorowski and Barbara Walters will begin to collect money at the February meeting. The cost to each member is \$20.00; the deposit will be returned to you at the dinner. All deposits are due by May 8. Envelopes will be available at the meetings for your money. On an envelope clearly print your name as well as your menu choice.

LAST WORKSHOP !!

We have 1 remaining workshop (4/11, 9am-4pm) this guild year: Eleanor Levie's "**WEAVE A QUILT WITH ME.**" We will continue taking signups at the February and March meetings or you may send your check (made to CQG) to Nancy Weston (2615 Union Ct., Bethlehem, AP 18017).

NO SEWING MACHINES needed !! — only a spirit of adventure! In this playful workshop, you'll create artful weavings of fabric strips and ribbons, audition sequences and arrange blocks in a row to make a Skinny quilt/table runner, wall hanging, album cover, pillow top, or project of any size. Along the way, Eleanor will help you develop a sense of design and composition, value and color, movement and shape, balance and rhythm to kick your artistry up several notches. She will also share lots of materials and tips on quick and easy ways to sandwich, quilt, and finish the edges of your tapestry after you get home.

WE NEED 15 MEMBERS SIGNED UP AT \$35 EACH BY MARCH 18! PLEASE SIGN UP AND COME OUT TO THIS EVENT!

Comments from previous workshop participants:

I love this, and wanna keep doing this technique--you've given us so many great ideas to use!--Susan, Moorestown Area Quilters of NJ

I thoroughly enjoyed the weaving workshop with Elly. Can't wait to finish the project! I learned so much about color theory as we went along. What a fun day!--Ellen, Pomegranate Guild, Masorot Chapter/Greater Philadelphia

Class Supply List:

First, choose a color palette for your creation to match the décor where it will go. Make sure you have similar and complementary colors in light, medium, and dark values.

*2 yards of any old fabric for a portable work surface (this could become your backing)

*1 yard of paper-backed, heavy-duty fusible web, 17" wide (I recommend heavy-duty Wonder-Under)

*Scraps and/or fat eighths of fabrics in your chosen colors—at least 6 different ones

*12" lengths of ribbons, lace, rickrack, and/or braided trims in colors to match and contrast; satin ribbons are great for shine, while metallics such as gold and silver are great for zing!

(*Optional, which you'll need at home: thin batting or flannel for a filler)

Tools: *Basic rotary cutting supplies, *Pins and pin cushion, *Fabric-cutting scissors

*Teflon presser sheet if possible



FAT QUARTER EXCHANGE



In order to encourage more participation in the FQ exchange, we are providing you with a list of the monthly themes of the year so that you can plan ahead when you go fabric shopping!

Feb - hearts red&white, pink **March** - greens, Irish prints
Apr - polka dots, stripes **May**- flowers **June** - banquet - *no FQ exchange*

NEW PROJECT - monthly "stashing for charity"



"Charm Squares/5" squares" project: each month, bring in at least a dozen 5" squares. These can be cut from the stash you want to use up; however, we are particularly interested in fussy-cut children's fabrics or solids that will coordinate. For every month you contribute, your name will be put in a lottery. At the last meeting, names will be drawn for a free year's membership. Blocks will be used at a charity sewing day in June to make premie & children's cancer quilts. We need backings donated, too!

COMMUNITY SERVICE NEWS - Sewing Day Feb. 24!! from Susan and Jami

Please remember you can fulfill your service requirement by participating in Mastectomy Day on Saturday, February 24, 9-3am. **NEW for this year: we are asking that you bring two cut out and ready to sew mastectomy bags and pillows.** Don't forget each bag has two layers: the outside of the bag and the coordinating lining. The patterns are available from Susan and Jami at the Community Service table. We will also have a limited number cut-out bags available also. If you don't want to bring your machine, we always need "stuffers" for the bags. Fiberfill will be provided. **** This is a fabulous day of fellowship and if you are a new member, a great way to get to know fellow guild members. Please bring your machine if you want to sew, a lunch and be prepared to have fun!! Snacks, iced tea and water will be provided. Thank you for all that you do, dear fellow guild members, we so appreciate it.

TURNING POINT

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 may be a special activity, possibly at the June charity sew day.





NOTE: Raffle quilt tickets:

Ticket stubs and money are to be returned in a sealed envelope with your name on it (there will be a basket at the front table for you to turn in your ticket stubs and money.). If you need more tickets, email raffletickets@colonialquilters.org

QUILT SHOW NEWS FROM LILLIAN BEHRENS

****All quilt registration forms** must be turned in by March 12, 2018. You may turn in the forms at the monthly meetings, mail them to Lois Walters, 2851 Hope Ridge Drive, Easton, PA, 18045 or email them to LWalt50@aol.com. Thanks to everyone who has already turned in registration forms to Lois - it is much appreciated. Keep them coming! Lois Walters is delighted with the response and cannot wait to get your registration form.

****Turkey donations:** You can either keep the turkey in your freezer until the quilt show or Lisa will pick it up and put it in her freezer. Lisa: 610-914-4528, lisa.f.zinkler@gmail.com

****The Book Nook** reminder: The nice man in the red truck before the meeting will accept your books (quilting, crafts, cookbooks) and donations for door prizes and Tricky Tray.

****Magazines** - no magazines will be sold at the quilt show; starting in January, we will be accepting magazines that will be sold at meetings; bring your magazines into the meeting room and Ann Reiners will be at a table to accept them.

****If you have any items for the Tricky Tray** that are too unwieldy to bring to the meeting, contact Charlene and she will arrange for her and her helpful hubby to pick up the item.

****Flyers** - please think about where you can help spread the news about the quilt show by taking flyers to places you frequent (beauty salon, gym, etc).

****Next Quilt Show committee meeting** is February 26 at 6:45pm.



QUILT SHOW CHALLENGE : Reuse, Recycle and Repurpose = Reborn

From Susan Truby: a reminder of the rules for the challenge item for quiltfest:

1. The quilt can be any size; **also ALLOWED are quilted items - not just quilts - clothing, purses**
2. The front of the quilt must have at least 50% recycled fabric; any type of fiber from silk, brocade, satin and cotton - just to name a few - can be used, including polyester!
3. You can embellish any way you like: buttons, beads, embroidery.
4. Write a brief description of the Reused, Recycled and Repurposed Fabrics used, where you obtained them and why you used them.



FOUNDING MEMBERS by Sue Nelson

Since the Colonial Quilters Guild is celebrating 35 years of fellowship and quilting, the guild is highlighting a founding member in the newsletter each month.



Founding Member: Judy Thompson

Judy Thompson is a founding member of the guild. She has been married for 43 years to her husband, Doug, and also lives with her feline family of 4 cats. She was a casework supervisor for the Lehigh County Office of Children and Youth Services.

She heard about the guild formation through the Quiltery in Nazareth. She has been a vice president in the guild.

Over the years, Judy has had quilting interests in Hawaiian quilts and miniature quilts with paper piecing. The last 10 years she has had a passion for studying old quilts and doing research in quilt history, especially quilts from the 19th and early 20th centuries. Now she makes reproduction quilts of that period.

She is one of the first members of the Lehigh Valley Quilt Study Group, and is currently the chairperson of the research book club.

Judy has had two Oriental designed quilts accepted into the Hoffman Challenge traveling show. She has not counted all the quilts she has made. She has made many small quilts, wall-hangings, and only a couple of full-size quilts.

Her two favorite quilts are both PA German in design. One is a PA German reproduction quilt c.1870 which has won several honors and is historically accurate. The second quilt is "A Miniature Walk in PA German Traditions". This is an 18 ½" square reproduction quilt, made entirely with original 19th-century PA German fabrics, which she has been collecting for years.

Her quilting tip is to enjoy the whole process from designing to finishing; challenging yourself in the steps you prefer the least.

PIECES OF THE PAST - THE COLONIAL QUILTERS GUILD

by Bev Repsher, Historian

2000/2001 - September - This may have been when we moved our meetings to Holy Cross Evangelical Lutheran Church, 2700 Jacksonville Rd., Bethlehem, Pa. 18017

We gave 11 quilts to St. Lukes Hospital & The Visiting Nurse Assoc. for a new Hospice Center opening in Fountain Hill.

A satellite group made a quilt for "Pathways" for them to raffle off to raise money.

We purchased a stamp with our name on it. It will be the President's responsibility to keep the stamp. We also purchased "CQG 2000" pins for guild members.

A By-Law change was made: a quorum change to 50% (was 45%) plus 1 paid member must be present.

2001/2002 -Our 6th quilt show was held on June 8 & 9, 2002 at Moravian College, Johnson Hall, Bethlehem, Pa and was called the "Pride Of Bethlehem".

We gave an amount of money to the Hospice Program of VNA, Eastern, PA

We have a new P.O. Box 3134, Bethlehem, Pa 18018

Our membership dues are now \$20.00



Refreshments



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

**Jean Ruwedel Connie Schick Sheri Seip Deb Shupe Nancy Simons
Carol Smith Billie Smith Barbara Smith Marcella Smullen
Judith Smullen**

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. 15

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Regular Guild meetings are held on the
second Tuesday of the month
(September through June) at 7:00 pm
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