



## COLONIAL QUILTERS GUILD



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### **President's message from Nancy Snow:**

Fall is my favorite season - I enjoy the cooler weather where I can start to snuggle under my quilts again. Whether it's in bed or just watching TV, it's nice to feel those quilts on me.

We had a fun workshop with Jody Beck & most people went home with a sandwiched table topper - just ready for quilting. Mine is quilted & a nice bright pop of color on my kitchen table.

As I mentioned in the meeting, we have a Facebook page - search for Colonial Quilters Guild. This is a closed group & you must be invited/approved to join. I posted a picture of our workshop participants on this Facebook and even two of the gadgets that Jody shared with us. One goal that I have for this page is to share the quilts from our Show N Tell at the meetings. I didn't get that done at the Sept meeting, but look for pictures from future meetings.

Next year is our quilt show year & you will be hearing a lot about the show between now & then. This event contributes a significant amount of money to help pay for the programs that we enjoy. Please get engaged & get to know your fellow members. If anyone has questions - especially new members - grab a member who is sitting behind the tables at the meeting - they are our committees that really shoulder the work of the guild.

Happy Quilting -- Nancy



### **PIECES OF THE PAST - THE COLONIAL QUILTERS GUILD** by Bev Repsher, Historian

**1985** - -January meetings were held at Leader 11 Nursing & Rehab.Center, Bethlehem, PA. We made a quilt for the Kurtz

Training Center, called "I am Blue" under the direction of Debbie Heeps. It was a nine-patch design and the border was applied by Margo Billetz and was quilted by members of the Colonial Quilters' Guild. We made our 2nd Ronald McDonald House quilt. It was the fan pattern. We made a banner with our logo on it and it was designed by Judy Thompson's husband. Those who worked on the banner were Judy Thompson, Mildred Harleman, Margo Billetz and Debbie Heeps. Debbie Heeps designed and made a star design wall hanging for the Leader Home, to be hung at the entrance of the building.

On April 20 we showed our quilts at the Nazareth YMCA and on May 10 & 11 we showed our quilts at the Moravian Church

October: The guild started paying for supplies of coffee, cups, etc because the monies placed in the can as a token donation did not cover the cost.

#### **1986**

April: We joined National Quilters Association and Logo pins were made. In June, some of our Colonial Quilters helped the Keystone Quilters with an NQA show which was held at Lafayette College in Easton.

#### **1987**

June 24-28: the 1st Hoffman Challenge started.

In August we made a raffle quilt, Log Cabin pattern, for the Heart Fund at the Leader House in Bethlehem. We started a block exchange where those who wanted to participate would pick a pattern of their choice and when their name was pulled we would all make that person a square of her choice.

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### Colonial Quilters Guild General Meeting Sept.12 2017 - MINUTES

Corrected Colonial Quilters Guild Meeting Minutes September 12, 2017

The September 2017 meeting was called to order at 6:50 P.M. Meals on Wheels is our community service agency for the 2018 quilt show. Meals on Wheels speaker, Tom Harper, gave an overview of how the agency operates.

Mary Jo Gonsiorowski introduced the guest speaker, Jody Beck. Jody presented the program, Jody's Jem's Journey. There will be a workshop on Wednesday, September 13, 2017.

The June minutes were accepted by Cathy Palmer and Darlene Repash.

Charlene Weiss gave the treasurer's report. The beginning balance is \$16,273.99, and the ending balance is \$ 15,249.97. Bills were paid for ½ the room rent, community service fabric and insurance. The report will be placed on file for audit.

Kathy Kemmerer, the vice president, reported there were 74 members present. There were no guests. The door prize was won by Mary Ellen Martin. Membership cards were given out during the meeting registration.

Newsletter articles are due September 22, 2017. Nancy Snow told the club to start to use the Facebook page. It is a closed group for quilting only posts or shares. Tedde Anderson, a founding member, was introduced to the members. An article in the September newsletter was written about her guild history.

The next 9 members for the October meeting's hospitality are Kathy Miller, Lois Millhem, Mary Misiura, Carol Moll, Yvonne Moor, Cathy Mouer, Kate Mulberger, Sue Nelson, and Audrey Ney.

Susan Truby reported that the pillowcases made over the summer count toward community service. Turning Point gladly accepted the pillowcases. Only certain projects count. Make sure you know the accepted projects.

2 Community Service days: 2/10/18 & 6/16/18 will be held this year, February for mastectomy bags and June to make quilts with the donated 5" squares.

New Project - Stashing for Charity. Bring five inch squares of children's fabric to be made into kids' oncology quilts and premie quilts.

There will be an article in the Lehigh Valley Health Network fall donor magazine dealing with the phone interview with Susan Truby and Charlene Weiss.

Fabric Shopping Bus Trip is scheduled for Oct 21. The bus holds 35 people and will be leaving from the church at 7:30 A.M. Weavers, Intercourse, Log Cabin & Family Farm. You must pay by the Oct. meeting to Boots Horvath. Cost- \$32.00.

Two Saturday Sewcials are scheduled for 11/18/17 & 3/24/18. There will be 3 workshops this year. The 35th anniversary dinner will be held on June 12, 2018 at Blue.

The current program committee's term ends in June 2018. A new program committee is needed. Grab your friends and form a committee.

The August and September birthday raffles were won by Cathy Rupp and Doris Woodring.

Barbara Hulett's entry to the Cherrywood Van Gogh Challenge was accepted as one of 120 out of 465 entries.

Quilt Show- May 5-6, 2018

Lillian Behrens volunteered to be the co-chairperson with Betsy, but we still need to fill Book Nook, Café, Boutique, Door Prizes & Raffle, and Signs. The first meeting will be **Monday 9/25 /17 at 6:45 at the church.**

Billie Smith, Barb Smith and Karen LeyFent won the fat quarter raffle.

Kathy Lopez reported a new book, Cute Quilts for Kids by Kristin Rylance was purchased. The 50/50 raffles were both won by Theresa Yankowy.

Yard Sale- The Board felt that the yard sale should be a bi-annual event on the non-quilt show years.

Next Board meeting: **Monday Oct 2 - 6:45pm** (usually 1st Monday of each month, except for January & before the May meeting).

There was no new business. Jim Steiner, the church custodian, thanked the guild for his monetary gift. Sheri Seip and Lois Walters motioned to adjourn the meeting.

The guild members enjoyed seeing the beautiful quilts during Show and Tell.

Respectfully submitted, Susanne C. Nelson, Secretary

**THE PROGRAM COMMITTEE** for quilt years 2016-2017 and 2017-2018 will be retiring at the end of June, 2018. *In order to have programs in place, with contracts for speakers lined up, it is essential to start planning the 2018-2019 year no later than March 2018. Please consider volunteering for this important job!!* The committee will help you get started with all the necessary information and procedures. Contact Nancy Weston.

From Kathy Kemmerer, VP: A great first meeting the guild year! And there are still openings for new members!

**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!

- Oct** - Halloween      **Nov** - black&white      **Dec** - Christmas, holiday
- Jan** - animal prints      **Feb** - hearts red&white, pink      **Mar** - greens, Irish prints
- Apr** - polka dots, stripes      **May**- flowers      **June** - banquet - *no FQ exchange*

**Saturday Sewcials**      **CHANGE OF DATES 9am-4pm**      **\$5 11/18/2017, 3/24/2018**

Please consider coming out for a Saturday Sewcial. This is a great opportunity to get to know each other while enjoying something we all love to do! You can sign up at a meeting but you also can just join us & pay your \$5 at the door even if you did not sign up. Remember:

- Bring your own lunch (or go out to lunch). We will have a list of local eating places that are within a short drive. Coffee and tea will be available. Optional: bring a snack to share (optional).
- Bring your projects, sewing machine and supplies. We provide cutting tables, ironing boards and irons and mats.
- If you have a small project that you would like to teach, contact a member of Program or Sat. Sewcial committee so we can agree on a date to give attendees enough time to get supplies.



**NEW PROJECT - monthly “stashing for charity”**

For several years we did the block-of-the-month as a monthly guild project. Last year we did the Mystery Quilt. This year we are doing a “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 sew.

**QUILT SHOW CHALLENGE : Reuse,Recycle and Repurpose = Reborn**



From Susan Truby: Quilters have always found a way to get the fabric that they needed to make quilts to keep loved ones warm. From the humble scrap bag with bits of fabric saved from making clothing to saving feed sacks to make quilts, quilters have worked their magic to create beautiful quilts for their families and friends. We as quilters have also recycled and repurposed ties and men’s shirts to honor loved ones. We make t- shirt quilts for our kids. We save baby clothes to put into their quilts for their wedding day. We save jeans to make quilts for our kids to play on, take naps on and take to college. We take bits and pieces of scraps given to us from dear friends to make string quilts. We repurpose vintage blocks, orphan blocks, embroidered pillowcases and handkerchiefs and old quilt tops made long ago, and we breathe new life into them. This challenge is a celebration of taking a recycled fabric and giving it new life. I hope that you join me on this adventure! The rules are simple -

1. The quilt can be any size.
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.

**EXCITING NEWS ABOUT A MEMBER!**

Barbara Hulett’s entry to the Cherrywood Van Gogh Challenge was accepted (120 quilts chosen out of 465 entries) and will be in the Cherrywood exhibit at Houston, Road to California, Lancaster, Paducah and France!!!! The top winners are on Facebook; check it out! Congratulations, Barbara! We are proud of you!





**SAVE THE DATES! 2016-2017 Calendar of Events:  
Programs, Workshops, Saturday Sewcials and Charity Sewing**

**PLEASE NOTE THE CHANGE OF DATES ON THE TWO SATURDAY  
SEWCIALS! 11/11 IS NOW 11/18 AND 3/17 IS NOW 3/24**

(NOTE ABOUT SHOW & TELL: show & tell will take place at every meeting except the June banquet.  
The show & tell limit is three pieces/articles per member on any given night.)

- 10/10 Meeting: Laura Lyman, Color Play Presentation - Hands-on experience on color concepts to help quilters choose color combinations that wow! Choosing and arranging color swatches allows participants to see how colors work together and helps determine color preferences. Instructions are provided to complete a wall-size quilt in various color combinations such as complimentary colors, triads, analogous colors, and monochromatic colors.
- 10/14 Workshop: Color Play Workshop - Make a nine-block wall hanging to practice the color concepts learned in the *Color Play* presentation. Requires a wide selection of solid or tone-on-tone-fabrics which can be shared among participants. A fun day of playing with color to create vibrant combinations and to learn about your own color preferences. (Prerequisite: Attendance at the Color Play Presentation on 10/10). 9am-4pm, \$25
- 11/14 Meeting: Barbara Schulman, Fiber Artist - "A Textile Artist Inspires Us to Reuse, Recycle, and Renew" - She will show some of her work, in which she uses paint, fire, razor blades, bandaids, credit card pieces etc., when working the surface of a quilt. She will also present visuals of quilts by artists who use innovative materials and techniques, with the goal of inspiring you to create your own Reuse, Recycle, Renew quiltfest challenge quilt.
- 11/18 Saturday Sewcial, 9am-4pm. \$5 - date changed from 11/11**
- 12/12 Meeting: Holiday potluck and fun, presented by the Program Committee
- 1/9/18 Meeting: Layer Cake Celebration with Layer-Cake Poker and layer-cake treats, presented by the Program Committee
- 2/10 Community Service sewing day, 9am-4pm. Mastectomy Bags and other projects
- 2/13 Meeting: Hand sewing for the Quiltfest Boutique, focusing on the "Reuse, Recycle, and Renew" theme, presented by the Program Committee
- 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, "Trash Stash Quilting" - Play hooky away from your quilting fabrics. Combine tea-bag packaging, coffee bags, and other foil-lined packaging along with felt, buttons, and bottle caps, to create little works of folk art. Last chance to get ideas for the QuiltFest challenge!
- 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. Choice of 3 entrees plus a vegan selection of penne pasta. Entertainment by the Program Committee. \$20 deposit per member.
- 6/16 Community Service sewing day, 9am-4pm - Children's Quilts using the 5" squares collected all year



**WORKSHOP** — Laura Lyman will be doing the regular meeting-night program (a presentation and demo) on October 10th. On Saturday October 14th she will do a workshop, COLOR PLAY, based on her presentation. Laura recommends that you do not buy your fabrics until after the lecture because you will get information at the lecture on how to choose fabrics. Laura will bring for sale at the lecture as well as at the workshop, ample supplies of her hand-dyed fabrics for members to choose from, so you will not need to worry about having the right fabrics. What you can do in advance: **start separating out solid and tone-on-tone fabrics- NO multi-colored prints - to bring to the presentation for the demo.**



**Color Play Workshop Supplies/Preparation**

Using 1 3/4 yards black solid or tone-on-tone, cut the following and place in labelled bags: (2) strips 2 1/2" x 40 1/2" (2) strips 2 1/2" x 44 1/2"  
 (24) 2 1/2" x 10" strips (36) 3" squares  
 (36) 2 1/2" squares

Batting- 46" x 46" Backing- 46" x 46"

You can also start collecting any solid or tone-on-tone scraps in a variety of colors. You will pick your other fabrics after the lecture. You will be able to share and trade fabrics as you work on your blocks.

You also need to bring a sewing machine in good working order with your manual (be sure to pack cord and pedal!), 1/4" foot and/or seam guide, extra needles, thread, 3 bobbins full of a neutral thread, basic sewing supplies. The following can be shared: cutting mat, rotary cutter, rulers. **Bring lunch or go out.**

**WORKSHOP PARTICIPATION** - New twist on workshops! We have 3 workshops this guild year. For each one that you pay for and attend, your check (or cash) will be put in a container at the workshop on the workshop day, and one person's fee will be drawn out of the container. That person will receive back her check/cash!



**UPCOMING DATES**

- 10/3 Board meeting 6:45
- 10/10 Regular meeting and Program: Color Play, Laura Lyman 7:00
- 10/14 Workshop: Color Play, Laura Lyman 9am-4pm
- 10/23 Quiltfest meeting, 6:45

**QUILT SHOW HELP**

**WANTED:**

*Lillian Behrens has volunteered to help co-chair the quilt show! Thanks, Lillian.*

A great way to get involved in the guild and meet new guild members is to volunteer to chair a quilt show committee. There are still some critical quilt show chairs that need to be filled to make the show a success and also generate revenue: Book Nook, Boutique & Café.

Open chairs that generate fun and interest in the show are Door Prizes & Raffles. We also need persons or groups that will be responsible for set-up and take down, and sign placement advertising the show. If you are interested in chairing a committee or have questions regarding what the committee chair responsibilities are, contact Betsy Lawrence or Lillian Behrens. NOTE: Raffle quilt tickets will be handed out starting at the Oct. meeting. **Quilt show meetings are Sept 25, Oct 23, Jan 22, Feb 26 March 26, and April 23 (final meeting before the show).**

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

— 10/13-14 “Quilter’s Garden” Quilt Show - Keystone Quilters. Finland Mennonite Church, 1750 Ziegler Road, Pennsburg, PA (new location). \$7.00. Fri 10am-6pm, Sat 10am-5pm. [www.keystonequilters.org](http://www.keystonequilters.org)

— 10/20-22 “Sew Many Memories” Quilt Show - Undercover Quilters. Brookhaven Municipal Building, 2 Cambridge Road, Brookhaven, PA. \$8.00. <http://undercoverquilters.com>

● **Quilting Cousins** - Sharon Kubich of Phillipsburg, NJ, runs 4 wonderful quilt retreats per year, mostly at the St. Francis Retreat House in Easton. Contact her at [sharon.kubich@gmail.com](mailto:sharon.kubich@gmail.com), 908-343-9031, to get information for the “Quilting Cousins” retreat.

**\*\*\*\*\*Save the date! The Colonial Quilters Guild’s Quiltfest (show) will be held May 5-6, 2018**

**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: Margo Billetz**

Since the Colonial Quilters Guild is 35 years old this year, the guild is highlighting a founding member in the newsletter each month.

Margo Billetz, a founding member of the guild, lived in Hellertown, PA and went to start-up meetings with Tedde Anderson and Olga Zorn. She currently lives in Bethlehem Township with her husband of 57 years. She has 3 children and 3 grandchildren.

When Margo didn’t win a raffle prize of a beautiful quilt, she called MaryLou Brion for lessons and that is how Margo became a quilter. The first quilt she made was a log cabin for her son.

She has made 150+ quilts. She really enjoys the process of making the quilt top. String quilts, scrappy quilts, and 1/2 square triangle quilts are her favorites. She likes lots of color with orange and turquoise and purple and lime green as her favorites. She is currently working on a blue 1/2 square triangle quilt with orange sashing. She is calling it the Blue Monk’s Quilt.

She has 25 unfinished projects in the works. Her stash is overwhelming! Margo says, “When its done, it’s done!”

Having been a guild member from the start, Margo has served as the coffee maker, done kitchen duty, put together the newsletter, served on the program committee, and sewn guild raffle quilts.

Her words of quilting advice: All God’s colors match! Every red goes together. Learn by doing, And when the guild asks for volunteers, do something. You’ll make friends. Volunteering will benefit you more than the guild.

Thanks, Margo, for being instrumental in the formation of our guild.

**BUS SHOPPING TRIP**

The fabric shopping trip is tentatively scheduled for Oct 21 — but at press time it was uncertain that a bus will be available on that date, so a different date may be selected (members will be notified by email and it will be announced at the October meeting). The bus holds 35 people and will be leaving from the church at 7:30am; the cost is \$32. Visits to Weavers, Log Cabin & Family Farm, etc. are the shopping stops. Call Boots to sign up; you must pay Boots by the Oct. meeting.

**COMMUNITY SERVICE NEWS from Susan and Jami**


Here is a friendly reminder about the community service requirements for Sept 2017-June 2018. Annually, each member is asked to donate something from one category. Please see the website for the categories or refer to your new member information. All donations are to be given to Susan Truby and Jami Cooper at the monthly meetings and are to have a CQG label attached. Please remember to include your name on a slip of paper pinned to your donation and sign in at our table. If you are donating 4 yards of fabric please remember it must be 100% cotton fabric of good quality and appropriate for our projects. Please wash your fabric before donating. We are so proud to be part of such a caring, giving group of women. Thank you!

**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.



 **A note about the newsletter:** People with email are likely to receive their newsletters sooner than those who get mailed copies. This is because the PDF file is sent to the printer the same day that the email copies are sent out, but it takes up to a week for the printing, pickup, and mailing of the paper copies of the newsletter. Do not worry if you do not get your newsletter quite as soon as another member, but if you have not received it by the 5th of the month, please let us know.

Nancy and Sue



**BIRTHDAYS**

Wendy Harwick	10/3
Theresa Prah	10/5
Ruth O'Connell	10/7
Joanne Hughes	10/13
Barb Hulett	10/15
Jamie Anthony	10/23
Edith Gaughan	10/23
Richele Voice	10/24
Cheryl Christman	10/25
Kathy Miller	10/29
Gloria Tarby	10/29
Laraine Kresge	10/31

**Fat Quarter Lottery**

Oct. Theme: Black & White

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



**✓ OCTOBER MEETING CHECKLIST! ✓**

- CHECK to see if it is your turn to bring snacks (see last page).
- SIGN UP for workshop 10/14. \$25. Check payable to CQG.
- SIGN UP for the shopping bus trip. \$32 (Boots Horwath)
- BRING Fat Quarters for FQ lottery; 5" squares for "Stashing for Charity"



**LIBRARY - from Kathy Lopez & Betsy Lawrence**

Scraps Made Simple: 15 Sensationally Scrappy Quilts from Precuts - by Lissa Alexander, for Moda All-Stars

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*These members are asked to provide dessert (cookies, cake, fruit, etc.) for the October meeting:*



**Kathy Miller   Lois Millheim   May Misura   Carol Moll  
Yvonne Moor   Cathy Mouer   Kate Mulberger   Sue Nelson  
Audrey Ney   Ruth O'Connell**

Please ask someone to take your place if you are unable to help this month. Please have snacks at the church by 6:30pm and also please help during the clean-up of the refreshment area.

November Newsletter items due by Oct. 22  
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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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