

COLONIAL QUILTERS GUILD



December 2016

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ALERT: The December meeting will start at 6:30 with the holiday potluck! see page 4!

President's Message December 2016

Fellow Quilters,

'Tis the season to be jolly. Express your creative side! Time to plan for the New Year. As we plan, think of what we can do to make others lives easier. Create a Community Service project which can help a cancer patient, warm a premature child, make a scared child feel safe, help an elderly person keep warm or feel more independent. Share your talents with others who can use some guidance. Your talent is a skill others appreciate.

Challenge yourself to reduce your stash. The results can be amazing.

Take time to enjoy your holidays with family and friends.

In Quilting Love,
Madame President Eugenia

From Kathy Kemmerer, VP:

still room for more members!

I will be at the December meeting.

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Minutes – Colonial Quilters Guild – November 8, 2016

Call to Order – Meeting was called to order at 7:00 by President Eugenia Emert. Nancy Weston introduced Terri Kramzar for her presentation “Inspired by Adventure”.

Minutes and Correspondence – The minutes of the October meeting were approved as presented in the newsletter, motion made by Barbara Smith and seconded by Darlene Repasch. The minutes will be placed on file.

Treasurer’s Report – Charlene Weiss gave the Treasurer’s Report. Beginning balance for the month of Sept. was \$17,884.13. \$ \$ 246.25 was received; \$749.06 was disbursed, for a closing balance of \$17,381.32. The Treasurer’s Report will be placed on file for audit.

Community Service – Susan Truby reported that half of the members have completed their Community Service requirement for 2016-2017.

Vice President’s Report – There were 81 members present. Cathy Rupp won the door prize. New members Kathy Betz and Stephanie Rupert-Oblas were introduced. Jane Mackie was a guest.

Sunshine and Shadows – Condolences were sent to Barbara Kelly and Gloria Tarby.

Communications – Please have information for the newsletter to Sue Nelson and Nancy Weston by 12/15/16.

Library – Lottery drawing of \$19.00 won by Rochele Voice and Linda Kleppinger

Programs – November 12th Saturday Sewcial will include Carol Moll and Paper Piecing. Mary Jo Gongorowski gave an update on the Mystery Quilt project, encouraging members to participate. December will be a potluck, activities and Show and Tell, details will be in the Newsletter.

Announcement – Plans for the Yard sale are pending, since the secretary left the church. Members will be informed as soon as information is available.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 p.m. by Deb Shupe

Respectfully submitted, Charlene Weiss





**SAVE THE DATES! 2016-2017 Calendar of Events:
Programs, Workshops, and Saturday Sewcials**
(*denotes Show-and-Tell nights)

- 12/13 **6:30!** Holiday potluck and fun, program presented by the Program Committee **
- 1/10 Tips, Tools and Techniques, program presented by the Program Committee **
- 1/21 Saturday Sewcial, 9am-5pm. \$5 (Mystery quilt help!)
- 2/11 Community Service sewing day
- 2/14 Hand Sewing for Charity, program presented by the Program Committee **
- 3/11 Saturday Sewcial, 9am-5pm. \$5
- 3/14 Jody Beck - Trunk Show and Talk
- 3/15 Workshop with Jody Beck: Table Topper (signup begins in December)
- 4/11 Barb Garrett - "Come Learn About Your Antique Quilt" - Members are asked to bring in old quilts. Barb will talk about each quilt, answer questions, and share visuals and information.
- 5/6 Saturday Sewcial, 9am-5pm. \$5
- 5/9 Gylene Fitzgerald - presentation: "Make Mine with Scraps"
- 5/10 Workshop with Gylene Fitzgerald: "Trash to Treasure Pineapples"
- 6/13 End-of-Year Potluck, Show-and-Tell of Mystery BOM quilts by guild members **

Saturday Sewcial January 21 - come sew and socialize!

Our next sewcial will be on January 21st from 9am-5pm. There is a \$5 fee (payable to the guild) for the room use. There will be coffee; bring your own drink/lunch (or go out) and bring a snack to share if you wish. Please sign up at the December or January guild meeting.

If you need some help with your mystery quilt (months 1-5), Sue Mangina will be on hand from 9am-12pm to give you a hand. We hope you can join us! *This is a good way to get to know each other!*



Nearby shops that make repairs and do cleaning of sewing machines:

- ABE Sew & Vac Bethlehem PA
- White-Singer Sewing Center Easton PA
- Pocono Sew & Vac Stroudsburg PA
- Allentown Sewing Machine Outlet Allentown PA
- Dave's Vacuum Cleaner Service Allentown PA



December 13 Holiday Fun and Potluck! 6:30pm



We will have a Pot Luck to celebrate the Holidays! Several fun activities in addition to the potluck are planned.

The program committee has divided the member list up into food categories using the alphabet. Please bring an item according to the initial of your last name:

A-B Bread/Rolls (6-8 servings)

C-L Entrees (4-6 servings)

M-P Salads or Side Dish (6-8 servings)

R-S Dessert (6-8 people)

T-Z Fingerfood/Appetizer (6-8 servings)



Beverages will be provided by the Program Committee.

Please bring a small sewing/quilting related wrapped gift with a value of not more than \$5-6. We will play a game using these items.



Don't forget your items for Show and Tell! Thanks, from the Program Committee

COMMUNITY SERVICE NEWS

Thank you everyone who donated so far this year, great job!!! Here is a reminder about the community service requirements for Sept 2016-June 2017. 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 & Jami Cooper at the monthly meetings. Please, please, remember to include your name and the type of donation on a slip of paper pinned to your donation and sign in at our table. Community Service is a requirement for membership and we want to give you credit for your donation and keep accurate records. Please remember you can fulfill your service requirement by participating in Mastectomy Day. Please keep this year's date open, Saturday, Feb. 11. We sew from 9AM to 3PM. There will be a signup sheet at the community service table at the January and February meetings. We will be available to answer any questions.

Another way to fulfill membership requirements is to donate good quality fabric—each piece at least 1/2 yd in length for a total of 4yds. This will be used for the mastectomy bags and pillows. Please wash and press the fabric before donating. This will help us tremendously; thank you so much. We will be cutting out those mastectomy bags and pillows and getting them ready for our February Sewfest. This year we will also have some premie quilt kits (pieced top; precut backing, batting, and binding) to machine quilt and finish. Thank you for all that you do dear fellow guild members; we are looking forward to a fabulous year of giving to others!

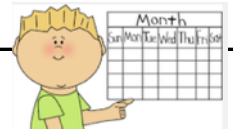
Susan and Jami

BIRTHDAYS

Kathleen Horvath	12/9
Nancy Blankowitsch	12/10
Cindy Fantasia	12/10
Carol S. Moll	12/11
Darlene Dreisbach	12/14
Michele Glynn	12/18
Beatrice Bednar	12/20
Carol Partway	12/20
Mary Misiura	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 Billets	12/28
Conny Schick	12/28
Marcella Smullen	12/30
Linda Kleppinger	12/31



DATES



12/5 Board Meeting 6:45

12/13 6:30! Holiday potluck and fun, program presented by the Program Committee. Show and Tell

1/10 Tips, Tools and Techniques, program presented by the Program Committee - please collect ideas and tools you would like to share. Show and Tell

1/21 Saturday Sewcial, 9am-5pm - mystery-quilt day also - bring your mystery quilt to work on and get help if needed. \$5 toward the room use

Fat Quarter Lottery

December Theme:

Christmas / Holiday Prints

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



RECIPE - "Honey Crunch Popcorn" - served at the November meeting

From Joan Bellis:

Ingredients: Start with 2 tablespoons honey, 2 tablespoons brown sugar packed, 1 tablespoon +1 teaspoon of butter.

Preheat oven to 300 degrees. in a small pan heat the honey,sugar, and butter and salt just until butter melts. In a roasting pan combine 1/4 cup Popcorn (I always use more), 1 1/2 cups toasted O's cereal, and 1/2 cup unsalted peanuts. Pour Honey mixture over all and mix well Bake 8 to 10 minutes, stirring once. Cool on waxed paper, breaking up large pieces.

Serves 8.

JODY BECK WORKSHOP: "Starry Wonder Table Topper"

Wednesday, March 15, 2017 9:00 am – 1:00 pm

*****Signup for this workshop will begin at the December meeting*****

Jody Beck is our March 14 meeting speaker and she will present her "Jody's Jems Journey" to our quilt guild. On Wednesday, March 15, Jody will have a workshop for up to 20 people. The workshop will feature the pattern for the "Starry Wonder Table Topper." The finished quilt top can be either 25 inches square or 57 inches square depending upon the size you want to make.

The workshop will take 4 hours and costs \$25. In addition you will need to purchase a pattern that will cost \$10 plus tax (\$10.60), which Jody will bring to the workshop.

Signups and checks will begin to be accepted at the December meeting. Please make out the workshop check to Colonial Quilters Guild and a separate check or cash to Jody Beck for the pattern (Starry Wonder Table Topper #SNS112 – Jody's Jems).

You will receive a complete supply list in the February newsletter.

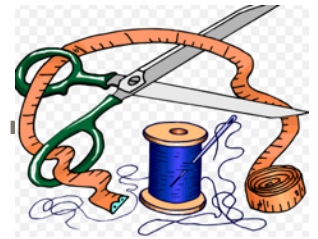
Jody began quilting in 2000 and began creating patterns and teaching classes in 2003. She sells her Jody's Jems patterns in shops from Hawaii to Key West, Florida. This creative quilter has customers from as far away as Australia and the United Kingdom who love her designs.

Workshop Location: Colonial Quilters Guild of Bethlehem, Holy Cross Church

Questions? MaryJo G. 609-558-0849; Jody Beck: 602-228-1364 cell (msgs) 610-326-6929 (no msgs)

Pictures on Website: www.jodysjemsquilting.com Email: jodysjems10@gmail.com



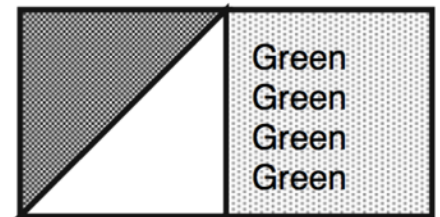


MYSTERY QUILT BOM - Month 4

Merry Mayhem's Case #105: The Case of the

PART 3

Using **ALL** of your Dark Green squares (3 1/2"), sew them to your remaining half-square triangle units so they look like this:

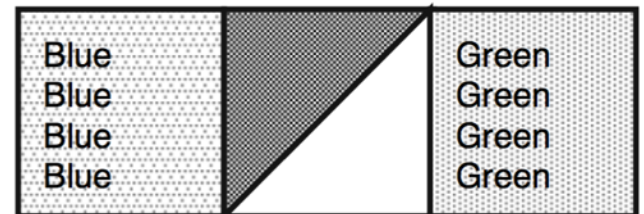


Check the diagram often to be sure you have the units in the correct position.

(As Merry Mayhem says, "A stitch in the right place saves an hour of seam-ripping" or something like that!)

Press seam allowances toward the green square.

Next, add **ALL** of your Dark Blue squares (3 1/2") to the other side of this unit so it looks like this:



Again, check the diagram frequently to be sure the units are in the correct position.

Press seam allowances toward the blue square.



ALERT: MEETING TIME CHANGE FOR DECEMBER!

There will be a community potluck for the December meeting, which will start at **6:30**. See the list in the newsletter on page 4 for the alphabetically-determined category that you are asked to participate in. The program committee will be helping with set-up and cleanup. Please have your food items at the church by 6:15.



January Newsletter articles due by
Dec.15 2016

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