



Colonial Quilters Guild

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Hello Everyone,

As I write this Thanksgiving is a week away and as I look ahead, my calendar is becoming very full. . I love the holiday season, delicious food and great conversation, spending time with family and friends. To stay organized, I am a list maker because I like to check items off as they are completed. I am hosting Thanksgiving this year and my whole family will be here.

There is only one task that I am trying to complete before Thanksgiving and because you are all quilters, you will understand. This year my son and my new daughter-in-law will be here. They were married in September and I made a quilt for their wedding gift. I finished the top and then I didn't have enough fabric for the backing so I decided to use blocks from the front. Of course, I didn't have enough blocks, so I changed my plan again. As I write this the backing is done and my goal is to quilt and bind it in six days! Hopefully I will present it to them next week and won't have it for show and tell. I will keep you posted. I am heading out the door right now to buy the supplies for the Saturday Sewcial . I am looking forward to making a few Santa Ornaments. I am also looking forward to our December meeting. I have my block of the month finished. I hope you do too.

Enjoy the holiday and see you in a few weeks.

Happy Thanksgiving,
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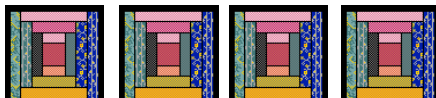
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Fat Quarter Lottery

December Theme

**Christmas & Holiday
Fabrics**

Bring in a fat quarter or two.

You will 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.

Event Calendar

- Dec 1 **NO BOARD MEETING**
- Dec 9 Monthly Meeting
- Jan 5 Board Meeting
- Jan 13 Monthly Meeting
- Feb 2 Board Meeting
- Feb 10 Monthly Meeting
- Mar 2 Board Meeting
- Mar 10 Monthly Meeting
- Apr 6 Board Meeting
- Apr 14 Monthly Meeting



BABY BANK

A "baby bank" was started a few years ago to help provide small baby needs to the Nurse Family Partnership of the Visiting Nurse Assoc. at St. Luke's. NFP is a program that pairs a specially trained registered nurse with a first time, low income mom. The nurse will provide home visits throughout the pregnancy until the child is 2 years of age. The goal is to promote & teach positive health & attachment behaviors between the mother & her baby. Currently, 250 families are being served by NFP.



You can help " make a difference" by donating small items for the babies. Some ideas are wipes, diaper rash cream, diapers (any size), sippee cups, onesies ,baby socks etc. Also, a bank is available for monetary donations for me to shop.

\$30 was collected in November.. Also, a pack of very cute onesies, wipes, dipaer rash creme, baby wash, & a pack of burp cloths !!!! Thank you all so much for your donations.....in December, it would be awesome if everyone would contribute just a small token to the bank....even \$.50 would all add up.....just sayin' !!!

Blessings to all for a very Merry Christmas & a Happy, Healthy, & Prosperous New Year !!!!

For more info about NFP you can refer to: www.slhn.org
 or ask Susie Metz ----- Look for the gift bag & bank at the sign-in table.
 Thank you for all the help.....the staff is most appreciative.
 - Susie Metz

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

12/7	Cathy Rupp	12/23	Judy Thompson
12/9	Boots Horwath	12/24	Sue Jones
12/10	Nanci Blankowitsch	12/25	Lillian Behrens
12/10	Cindy Fantasia	12/26	Susie Metz
12/11	Carol Moll	12/28	Connie Schick
12/13	Patrice Rine	12/28	Margo Billetz
12/14	Darlene Dreisbach	12/30	Marcella Smullen
12/18	Michele Glynn	12/31	Linda Kleppinger
12/20	Carol Hartway		
12/20	Mary Lou Straka		
12/21	Gail Kromer		
12/23	Charmaine Weisenbacher		



UPCOMING SHOWS AND EVENTS



January 12- March 29	2014 Quilt Competition and Display, Peddler's Village, Routes 202 and 263 Lahaska, PA www.peddlersvillage.com
March 11-14	AQS Quilt Week, Lancaster County Convention Center, 3 E. Vine Street, Lancaster, PA 17603
Mar 20-21	Homemaker's Country Quilters Show "Sweet 16" - 10am to 4pm - 1015 Bridge Rd. Collegetown, PA; \$7 www.homemakerscountryquilters.com



NOVEMBER 11, 2014 MEETING MINUTES

Diane Johnson gave her presentation on miniature quilts and showed some great examples of her work along with her own "quilt shop". It was a great presentation and brought samples of what would be made during the workshop the following day.

The Meeting was called to order by President Lois Walters.

There were no corrections to October minutes and they stand approved.

Vice President—Eugenia Emert, 102 members present at this meeting Newest members were introduced: Gloria Larson and Heidi Stonesifer. Door prize was won by Mary Henning

Treasurer's report—Betsy Lawrence---Beginning balance balance is \$14443.64 ending balance was \$12627.44

Community service—Charlene Weiss/Laurel Eime Community Service Day on October 18 had 20 people attend to make mastectomy bags and pillows. There will be no donations taken in December.

Saturday Sewcials—Wendy

Harwick—Nov 22 Holiday Tablerunner and mats by Boots 9-3pm and handmade ornaments

Bus Trips—Boots—

Sunshine and Shadows—Joan Bellis—book will be purchased in memory of Kim Berger

Website---Ellen Inghrim—

Hospitality—Dolores Bartek- Please bring refreshments when assigned or find someone to replace you if you cannot participate.

Block of the Month—Deb Shupe/Cathy Mouer 33 blocks were turned in –it was an avalanche of maple leaves— Keep up the good work! We divided the blocks, the 3 winners were Nancy Weston, Judy Smullen and Mary Jo Gonsiorowski The finished samples were won by Delores Bartek, Billie Smith and Lucille Serman. December is a scrappy tree—lets beat Novembers number of blocks!

50/50—\$42.00—

Fat Quarters—Elle Lazar –

winners were Susie Metz, Wendy Bookhultz, Deb Shupe and Cathy Mouer. December theme is Christmas

Newsletter—

Program—Darlene Repash and Richele Voice--- December--- surprise with a light dinner soup and bread 6:30 pm start

Historian---**Bev Repsher**—Bev is looking for some missing membership lists, contact her for info

Old Business---

New Business— Call list has been distributed for those without email in the event that we need to cancel due to weather or otherwise

Jane Merkel will be taking orders for denim shirts with the Colonial Quilters guild design starting in Jan.

The meeting was ended with our show and tell—great presentations!! Respectfully submitted, Deb Shupe, Secretary

GUILD PINS



CLEARANCE SALE!!!

Lost your guild pin or need an extra one? Guild pins are available for 50 cents. The pins will be available at the sign-in table at the November meeting. Proceeds go to the baby bank!

- Betsy Lawrence



PROGRAMS AND WORKSHOPS

A BIG THANKS to all of you that joined us for Diane Johnson's miniature workshop. She was a great speaker and teacher. We had twenty members in the class and I saw a lot of beautiful little blocks being made. Can't wait until January when we get to see them during show and tell.



December is time for our holiday party. We'll start the meeting at 6:30 with a light supper of soup, bread and desserts. Then sit back and enjoy our special guest. It's sure to be a fun and entertaining evening! (No show & tell and no guests at this meeting, please.)

January - "A Quilter's Journey" Our program this month will be given by one of our own members...Ellen Inghrim. I'm so excited to hear Ellen's story and see all of the quilts she has to show.

Don't forget...We want to see your miniature quilts at January's show and tell!

- Darlene Repash and Richele Voice





COMMUNITY SERVICE

Our guild is committed to community service and asks that each member supports that commitment in one of the following ways , annually:

- one children's oncology quilt (42" by 44" or 42" by 54") - to be donated to Lehigh Valley Hospital Muhlenberg
- two preemie quilts (18" by 25") -to be donated to Sacred Heart Hospital and St. Luke's Hospital NICU
- two mastectomy pillows and bags - to be donated to Lehigh Valley Hospital Cedar Crest
- four teddy bears or cats - to be donated to St. Luke's Hospital Emergency Department
- one wounded soldier quilt (55" by 65" minimum donated to Quilts of Valor Foundation (<http://www.qov.org>) to be sent by yourself

Lois Walters has a longarm quilter and will help choose the batting and quilt your Quilt of Valor on her longarm machine, To reach her check our members directory on the Member's Only section on our website

- one Visiting Nurses Association (VNA) of St. Luke's Hospice quilt (63" x 93")
- two pillowcases- can be for hospice at Lehigh Valley or St Lukes, or a child's theme pillowcase for peds oncology at Lehigh Valley hospital
- NICU covers for incubators (48" x 55" finished size)

NICU covers are easy to make -- one children's panel with a contrasting border to create the right size, or you can use 1-1/4 yard of a children's print and add borders to create the needed size. PLease use a light color fabric for the back. Simple quilting -- can use diagonal quilting one or both ways. Add a binding and wahoo you're done!



Please sew your own label on your Oncology and wounded warrior quilts and hospice quilts and nightgowns.

- "Made and Donated by Colonial Quilters Guild 2014 or 2015 - whenever you finish. Thank you.

Laurel and I made deliveries this past Tuesday to St Luke's. 31 preemie quilts to the main campus, NICU,62 mastectomy bags to the cancer center,7oncology/hospice quilts and 27 pillowcases to their separate hospice house on Black River RD. They all expressed delight and gratitude for our talent,and generosity.

Please remember there will be no collection at the December guild meeting so we can all just enjoy our holiday party. Laurel will not be able to attend,but Charlene will be there with all the patterns,anyone may want or need.

- Laurel Eime and Charlene Weiss

BLOCK OF THE MONTH

What a wonderful turn out for last months Block of the Month!! I cant remember the last time we had enough to have 3 Winners!! For January we are making an Eccentric star Block or you could use that four letter word—SNOW-flake!! Please use the muslin for the light background and 2 shades of blue for the flake spokes. The center can be either light blue or dark blue. Lets see if we can have a BLIZZARD OF BLOCKS!!" Have a Very Merry and Blessed Christmas and a Happy New Year!!



- Deb Shupe and Cathy Mouer

**BLOCK OF THE MONTH - ECCENTRIC STAR BLOCK****Cutting Instructions :**

***(2)dark blue squares 4 7/8" x 4 7/8"**

***(2) light blue squares 4 7/8" x 4 7/8"**

***(4) muslin squares 4 7/8" x 4 7/8"**

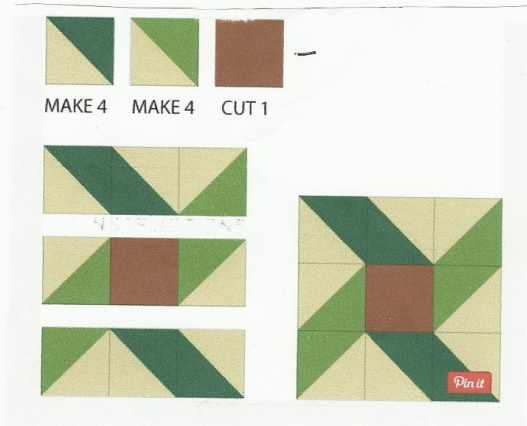
***(1) square 4 1/2" x 4 1/2" in either light blue or dark blue for center**

Sewing Instructions:

- 1. Combine a muslin square with dark blue square and sew to create 2 half square triangle units using your favorite method. Repeat with second dark blue square. Finished unit should measure 4 1/2" x 4 1/2".**
- 2. Repeat the same instructions as above using a muslin square and a light blue square.**
- 3. You should have 4 lt blue/muslin half square triangle units and 4 dk blue/muslin half square triangle units**
- 4. Arrange the units according to the diagram and sew each row. Be careful as to which way the "legs" are pointing.**
- 5. Join the rows and press**



BLOCK OF THE MONTH - ECCENTRIC STAR BLOCK (CONT)





December Refreshments



The program committee is planning the refreshments for the December meeting! See you there!

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

Holy Cross Evangelical Lutheran Church
2700 Jacksonville Rd., Bethlehem, PA 18017

January Newsletter articles due by **December 22, 2014**

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