



Colonial Quilters Guild

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Hi Everyone,

I am finishing this note just 4 days before Christmas and I am ready. We celebrated Christmas with our whole family last weekend so Christmas Eve and Christmas Day will be smaller celebrations. This allows me to relax and enjoy the holiday. I just returned from my 2 year old granddaughter's sing along at preschool, very cute. This is the time of year that I reflect on the past year and begin to look forward to the New Year. 2014 was a wonderful year for my family including the engagement then marriage of my youngest son. I always feel like January provides a fresh start. I am looking ahead to the New Year, and as far as I know, there will be no major events. As I look ahead at our guild timeline, I am reminded that within a few months we will begin the process to nominate members for officers of our guild. I will be asking for 3 volunteers for a nominating committee in February so they can be appointed in March. They will present their nominees in April with election in May. Officers are elected for a two year term and no member is eligible to serve more than one term. We will need nominees for Secretary and President. Also I will be asking for volunteers for the Program Committee and Newsletter editor.

We have many talented, creative, and enthusiastic members who would be wonderful officers and committee chairs. Please think about what position you would be willing to take over next year. It is a great way to get to know other members and stay connected. Also, you never have to feel that you need to do everything yourself, I have found that everyone is willing to contribute. I know many of you have filled various positions over the years but maybe it is the time to share your talents again. I personally have enjoyed serving as your president. I enjoy the friendship and inspiration that you all give me, so please seriously think about taking a new position. Sue Reeps (Newsletter) and Darlene Repash and Richele Voice (Programs) have said they are very willing to answer questions and assist new committee Chairmen. If you would like to volunteer or discuss the possibility, call or email me anytime. Wishing all of you a Healthy and Happy New Year!

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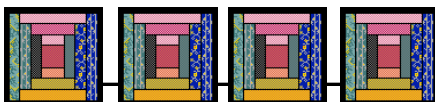
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Fat Quarter Lottery

January Theme

**Fruit and Vegetable
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

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.

\$39 was collected in December.. Also, some wipes, a sippee cup and some bottles. Thanks to everyone who contributes to help babies in need. Wishing all a Happy, Healthy New Year filled with blessings for you & your families !!!

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

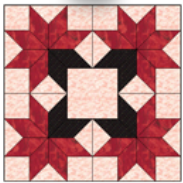
JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

1/8	Ellie Lazar	1/20	Cathy Hawk
1/12	Martha Sterling	1/21	Laurel Eime
1/14	Rose Macaluso	1/24	Darlene Repash
1/16	Sue Reeps	1/27	Sheri Seip
1/31	Evelyn Weidl	1/31	Connie Weaver



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. Collegeville, PA; \$7 www.homemakerscountryquilters.com



DECEMBER 9, 2014 MEETING MINUTES

Meeting began with a light dinner of soups and breads prepared by Darlene, Richelle and Deb followed by delicious desserts.

The Meeting was called to order by President Lois Walters.

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

Vice President—Eugenia Emert, 62 members present at this meeting introduced: Door prize was won by Delores Bartek.

Treasurer's report—Betsy Lawrence---Beginning balance balance is \$12627.44 ending balance was \$17319.81

Community service
—Charlene Weiss and Laurel Eime—4 thank you letters were received

Saturday Sewcials—Wendy Harwick—

Bus Trips—Boots—

Sunshine and Shadows—
Joan Bellis—Bonny Moor fell and broke some ribs. Joan will send card

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** 13 blocks were turned in and were won by Eugenia Emert The finished sample was won by Connie Weaver. January is shades of blue.

50/50—

Fat Quarters—**Elle Lazar** – winners were Delores Danner, Billie Smith and Brenda Hoagland. January theme is food

Newsletter— A Volunteer is needed to take over the newsletter for next year. Sue has done a fine job and is willing to work with and share her program that she uses.

Program—Darlene Repash and Richele Voice--- January is Ellen Inghrim

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

for info

Old Business---

New Business—**Jane Merkel** will be taking orders for denim shirts with the Colonial Quilters guild design starting in Jan. 20 members have birthdays in December—Happy Birthday!!

After the meeting our December program was a presentation by Mary Ann Jung. She presented herself as Julia Child and gave an overview of her life and how she came to be a great chef.

Respectfully submitted,
Deb Shupe, Secretary

FONS AND PORTER SUBSCRIPTIONS



The guild will be participating in the Fons & Potter magazine subscription special in 2015. The deal will include the magazine, Sulky Thread and booklets. More to follow once I get the details from the company. Contact Betsy Lawrence for any questions.

- Betsy Lawrence

PROGRAMS AND WORKSHOPS

Happy New Year! I hope everyone enjoyed our Christmas party and the special guest we had...Julia Child! Julia and her friends were very entertaining. Thanks Mary, Rose and Tim for playing along!



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.

*Special request - since the holidays cut into my sewing time and I'm way behind on my quilt from the miniature workshop, I'm going to ask everyone that took the workshop to bring their quilt for Show and Tell in February instead of January.

February - Strip Poker. That's right... FABRIC strip poker!! Bring along some 2 1/2" strips of fabric and be prepared to have FUN! (More info to follow at our January meeting).

March - program TBD

Sometime in March we will have our annual "non sleepover sleepover". The date will be announced in January.

April - Program and workshop. AQS author Robert DeCarli will present Remarkable Rectangles.



Robert DeCarli's first life was as a math professor at a Catholic girls' college in Buffalo. He moved on to function as an engineer at Lockheed Martin in Valley Forge, all the while continuing to teach math at local colleges. In 1992 his wife asked for help in making a quilt for their daughter's wedding. She showed him how to make a four-patch and he was hooked. As a mathematician, the seemingly endless number of patterns fascinated him. He has designed blocks and quilts since 1993, receiving a ribbon at the Vermont Quilt Festival and a blue ribbon at the Pennsylvania Quilt Extravaganza for "Butterfly" (designed in EQ5). He discovered EQ in 2005 and has since designed more than one thousand quilts and blocks, including block and quilt settings for his wife's appliqué projects. His primary interest, besides teaching, is designing various size, interlocking log cabins and converting weaving patterns to quilts. In each area, the number of possibilities is seemingly endless, but he pursues them one at a time.

I'm very excited to have Bob presenting this program and workshop. Sign-ups and more workshop info will be available at the January meeting.

Happy Sewing!

- 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.

After taking a holiday break, we are again accepting donations.

- Laurel Eime and Charlene Weiss

LIBRARY NEWS



We have 3 new books:

- "Simple Charms" by Kim Diehl in memory of guild member Kim Berger
 - "Another book by Rod Kiracofe titled "Unconventional and Unexpected", a history of American quilts from 1950 to 2000. This is in memory of Pat Barnes our former appliqué expert
 - Lastly we have a book from the Houston Quilt Show founder Karey Patterson Bresenhan titled "500 Traditional Quilts" - Ideas and pictures to drool over.
- Have a great New Year and please check out our library.

- Margo Billetz

COLONIAL QUILTERS GUILD DENIM SHIRT ORDER

Jane Merkel will be accepting orders for denim shirts at the January meeting. The order form and sizing chart is provided on page 7 of the newsletter. Checks should be made out to S, Jane Merkel.

BLOCK OF THE MONTH

Hope everyone had a great Holiday season!! For February we will be making a heart block. This will be a good way to use up all your leftover reds from your Christmas projects. You can make it as scrappy or less scrappy as you like in red fabric. Use muslin for the white fabric. Lets make Cupid happy!!

- Deb Shupe and Cathy Mouer

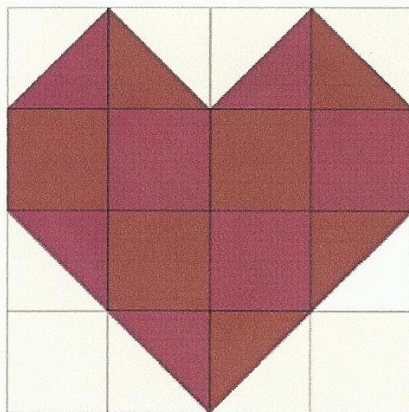


BLOCK OF THE MONTH - HEART BLOCK

HEART

Cupid is ready with his bow and arrows.

Block Size -- 12" finished (12½" with seam allowance)

**Medium red:**

Cut three 3½" squares

Cut two 3 7/8" squares

Dark red:

Cut three 3½" squares

Cut two 3 7/8" squares

White:

Cut two 3½" squares

Cut four 3 7/8" squares

With right sides together, pin one 3 7/8" (large) medium red square and one 3 7/8" (large) white square together, draw a line down the center from opposite corners, stitch ¼" on both sides of the line and then cut between the stitches.

Do the same for the other 3 7/8" medium red square and the 3 7/8" white square.

Do the same for the two other sets of large dark red squares and white squares.

Looking at the top row of the sample, correctly pin the squares together and stitch. Stitch the remaining rows as seen. Then stitch the rows together.



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DENIM SHIRT

ORDER FORM

NAME _____

PHONE # _____

CELL PHONE # _____

E-MAIL ADDRESS _____

DENIM LONG SLEEVED SHIRTS

(Style Harriton Ladies M550W 6.5oz)

Circle your size choice (No exchanges no refunds)

S, M, L, XL \$22.00 each (price includes embroidery)

2XL \$25.00

Make check payable to S. Jane Merkel

Mail to me at: 815 Kern St., Bethlehem, Pa. 18015

LADIES DENIM SHIRT M550W

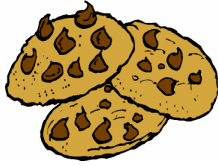
Body Length	Body Width	Full body length	Sleeve length
S 24.0	19.50	26.0	31.50
M 25.0	20.50	27.0	32.0
L 26.0	22.0	28.0	32.50
XL 27.0	24.0	29.0	33.0
2XL 28.5	27.0	30.5	33.75

January Refreshments

The following members are asked to provide refreshments for the meeting. Cookies, veggies, cut up fruit.. .whatever you would like to bring. Please ask someone to take your place if you are unable to help this month. Please have snacks at the church by 6:30 PM. Please help during the clean up of the refreshment area.

*Theresa Yankowy, Marie Yost, Lisa Zinkler, Hilda Alich, Tedde Anderson,
Janice Anthony, Janice Baker, Nancy Barndt, Dolores Bartek, Lillian Behrens*

**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 **January 20, 2014**
Contact Sue Reeps at 610-330-6789 or suereeps@gmail.com.



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