



Colonial Quilters Guild

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Hi Ladies,

Our February meeting was wonderful. I had a great time "using my gavel" and enjoyed the laughter during the meeting. We have a great quilt guild and I am proud to be your president.

The Quilted Crow showed us some neat rulers, how to use them, and some samples of what you can make with them.

Welcome to our new members. It was wonderful to see you talking with members and getting settled in the guild. I hope you will ask questions and get involved. I know that in a few months you will have found many new friends.

Thank you to Betsy Lawrence and Kathy Kemmerer for volunteering to Chair our "Quilt Show." They make a great team. Start thinking about what you would like to do at the Show. If we all work together we will have another GREAT SHOW IN 2014.

Don't forget to sign up for our Saturday Sewcial with Lois Walters May 4th, our Sleep Over March 1& 2, and the bus trip to the Lancaster Quilt Show on March 16th, see Boots for more information.

Keep in mind, when people are needed to help with the guild – to step up and volunteer.

See you in March!!



As always, Mary

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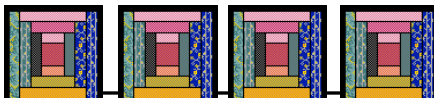
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Fat Quarter Lottery

March Theme -
Green Fabric

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

- Mar 1-2 Sew-a-thon
- Mar 4 Board Meeting
- Mar 12 Monthly Meeting
- Mar 16 Bus Trip - Lancaster AQS Show
- Apr 1 Board Meeting
- Apr 9 Monthly Meeting
- Apr 10 Bonnie Hunter Workshop
- May 4 Saturday Sewcial Hunter Star with Lois Walters
- Jun 11 Anniversary Party Green Pond CC



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") - donated to Lehigh Valley Hospital Muhlenberg
- two preemie quilts (18" by 25") - donated to Sacred Heart Hospital and St. Luke's Hospital
- two mastectomy pillows and bags - donated to Lehigh Valley Hospital Cedar Crest
- four teddy bears or cats - 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>))

Looking for a longarm quilter? Lois Walters, a member of Colonial Quilters, will provide the batting and quilt your Quilt of Valor on her longarm machine. Check the directory in the Member's Only section on our website.

- one Visiting Nurses Association (VNA) of St. Luke's Hospice quilt (63" x 93")
- two VNA of St. Luke's Hospice pillowcases
- one VNA of St. Luke's Hospice nightgown
- 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 it is done!



From now on, please sew your own label on your Oncology Quilts - "Made and Donated by Colonial Quilters Guild 2012". You may also attach your own label to the Hospice and Wounded Soldiers quilts, using your name if desired. Thank you.

Rose and I delivered all the wonderful donations. CHOP at Mulehnberg Hospital loved the Quilts and the Pillowcases. They remarked that the children really LOVE getting the pillowcases.

Delivery was also made to St. Luke's. The Preemie Quilts and Stuffed Animals were a big hit. Some of the Mastectomy Bags and Pillows were also delivered to St. Luke's as well as Lehigh Valley Hospital - Cedar Crest.

There seems to be a great need for the Mastectomy Bags and Pillows as 1 in 3 women are now being diagnosed with Breast Cancer.

Thanks -- **Rose Macaluso & Sally Viglione**



PROGRAMS AND WORKSHOPS

REMINDER -- SEW-A-THON ----- Friday March 1 , 3-9Saturday, March 2 , 8-3 . Food & beverages provided..... Bring your own projects....there are some Bingo blocks to sew together and also some binding to hand sew.....but there is plenty of time to do your own thing . Irons, extensions etc are provided. If you did not sign up....just show up & enjoy the time together...there will be plenty of food. Pay that day....\$ 5.00 (one day) \$ 7.00 (2 days). Really think about joining in for a fun, relaxed sewing experience !!!!!!!

MARCH 12 PROGRAM "Quilting Goes Wild and Crazy" presented by Eleanor Levie. Enjoy this lively presentation and trunk show featuring some vintage quilts from her collection including some crazy quilts. Also, quilts of traditional patchwork patterns in fabrics that will knock your socks off !! Books will be offered for sale.....check her website !!! <http://eleanorlevie.com/>

APRIL 9 PROGRAM - "Quiltville Trunk Show" with Bonnie Hunter will be the "feature" event. Remember guild members only - NO GUESTS , please !!!! <http://www.quiltville.com/>

April 10: Workshop with Bonnie Hunter (guild members only, no guests)

May 14: Jackie's Woolen's with Jackie Gauker

JUNE 11: **30th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION**



Please join the the guild for a night of fun, food and friends as we celebrate the our 30th Anniversary Celebration on Tuesday June 11, 2013 at the Green Pond Country Club. The celebration starts at 6PM with a family style dinner. The menu includes fruit cup, tossed salad, roast turkey, beef tips, corn, broccoli cauliflower carrot mix, whipped potatoes, ice cream parfaits, coffee, tea & cold beverage.

If you plan to attend, please complete the form that follows to reserve your spot along with a \$15 deposit that will be returned the night of the celebration, if you attend. Exact cash only & no checks please. Your reservation & deposit will be excepted at the March, April & May guild meetings. See Susie Metz, Betsy Lawrence or any member of the program committee for any questions you have for the celebration. It would be great to see 100% attendance!

- Susie Metz & Betsy Lawrence

30th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION RESERVATION

NAME: _____

\$15 DEPOSIT PAID: _____



BUS TRIPS



Saturday March 16th - Lancaster AQS Show

9:00 am to 3:30 pm. Cost for the bus \$28.00. (Does not include the ticket into the show) Money will be due at time of sign up. Bus will leave from the church at 8:00 am sharp and should arrive back at the church between 5:30 – 6:00 pm. See you in February!!! Thanks,

- Boots Horwath

SUNSHINE AND SHADOWS

VERY SAD NEWS. Two of our members have recently lost their husbands. Susie Metz's husband Rick passed away suddenly on Saturday, February 23rd and Ann Capuano's husband passed away the week before. Please remember them with your thoughts and prayers. Also, Evelyn Wiedl is recovering from surgery. Please let her know we're thinking of her.



- Charmaine Weisenbacher

LIBRARY NEWS



While I appreciate your kindness, I will no longer be accepting old Rodale books or other older hardbound books. They are too heavy and no one borrows them from the library. I would suggest you save them to donate them to our quilt show book sale. Stop by to check out our selection of books and take a chance on the 50/50 raffle!!

- Margo Billetz

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

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| 3/1 Arlene Renninger | 3/18 Gloria Lohn |
| 3/20 Marjory Fray | 3/21 Betsy Lawrence |
| 3/27 Joyce Farley | 3/30 Theresa Yankowy |





**February 12, 2013
Meeting Minutes**

After an entertaining and informative program by The Quilted Crow, the meeting was called to order by President Mary Henning. Show and Tell was interspersed throughout the evening and gave more time to enjoy and talk about the presented quilts.

The minutes from the last meeting were corrected to reflect \$552 raised on the previous months stash sale and donated to St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital. Boots Horvath made a motion to accept the corrected minutes and Linda Kleppinger seconded the motion.

Treasurer - Charlene Weiss - Ending balance in the treasury is \$22,199.70. Sally Viglione made a motion to accept the report and Rose Macaluso seconded it.

Vice President - Cindy Fantasia - announced that there was one guest and introduced four new members. They are Bethanne Nemish, Mary Ann Harmanos, Mary Timm and Janet Yandrisevits. There were 88 members in attendance. Barbara Smith won the door prize.

Program - Susie Metz and Betsy Lawrence. The Sew A Thon will be held on Friday, March 1 from 3 to 9 and Saturday March 2nd from 8 to ? at the church. The cost is \$5 for 1 day or \$7 for 2. Refreshments will be provided. Next months speaker will be Eleanor Levy and "Quilting Goes Wild." Money to hold your space at the June Anniversary dinner will be \$15 and should be placed in an envelope with your name on it. The program committee will collect the envelopes and the money will be returned at the banquet. Also at the Anniversary celebration, Bev Repsher will be showing the guild's historical booklet which she has compiled.

Bus Trips - Boots Horvath The trip to the Lancaster show is March 16th and is \$28, admission not included. The bus will leave the church at 8 am sharp and leave Lancaster at 3:30 to return by approximately 5:30 in Bethlehem.

Saturday Sewcials - Wendy Harwick - Lois Walters will be teaching the Rapid Fire Hunter's Star on Sat., May 4th.

Betsy Lawrence and Cathy Kemmerer will be co-chairing the 2014 Quilt Show.

Website - Ellen Inghrim - Site has

been updated. A letter was read from Ellen Gorzelic who will be resigning from the Sunshine and Shadows Committee. Charmaine Weisenbacher will chair the committee.

Library - Margo Biletz - Carol Hartway won \$24.25 in the 50/50 drawing.

Fat 1/4's - Ellie Lazar, Tedde Anderson - The following members won a pack of fat 1/4's: Cathy Mourer(3), Kathy Miller, Charmaine Weisenbacher and Delores Danner. Next months theme is green.

Block of the Month - Cathy Kemmerer, Eugenia Emert - Ruth O'Connell won the 14 blocks.

Community Service read a thank you letter from St. Luke's. The committee also announced that at the last Community Service day 10 mastectomy bags, 21 stuffed cats, 9 premie quilts and 15 teddy bears were made.

The nominating committee for the next election of officers will be Cathy Mourer and Jane Merkel.

The meeting was then adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Kathy Boushell, secretary

BLOCK OF THE MONTH



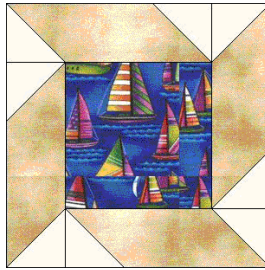
Hi There.. Had a fun meeting, 14 blocks turned in and Ruth O'Connell won them. Next month's block is an Irish theme. This is the last month to turn in Challenge Blocks. Happy sewing...

Block of the Month Challenge Construct a 14" block from 1-1/2", 2" or 2-1/2" strips of random fabrics. For each block you create and submit by the March meeting, you will be given one chance to win a quilt in April when Bonnie Hunter will be presenting. Let's show Bonnie that we know where www.quiltville.com is located and like what we can learn from her. The quilt will be constructed and quilted by your Block of the Month Coordinators, Kathy Kemmerer and Eugenia Emert. Questions? Contact us at kemm6@yahoo.com or emert4us@rcn.com or 610-691-3917 or 610-264-2018

- Kathy Kemmerer & Eugenia Emert



April BOM



Easter Fun

Tips & Hints

The April block is a Churn Dash variation. It has been simplified so there are no set in seams. The center is an Easter print. The side pieces are a small scale pastel print and the triangles are bleached muslin. This block finished 9 1/2 inches.

Cutting directions for ONE block are below:

Number	Size	Fabric
1	5 1/2" x 5 1/2"	Easter print
4	7 1/2" x 2 1/2"	Small scale pastel print
8	2 1/2" x 2 1/2"	Bleached muslin

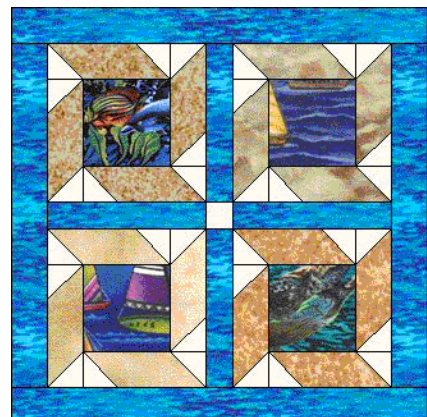
Make the side pieces by placing a bleached muslin square even with the ends of a Small scale pastel print rectangle. You will be making snowball corners. Draw a line on the wrong side of the bleached muslin squares from one corner to the opposite corner. The one on the right has the line going from the lower right corner of the Bleached muslin square to the upper left corner. The one on the left has the line going the same way. Sew on the lines and press the square back onto itself to form a triangle. You may trim out the excess fabric, but be careful to trim only the seam allowance. See the block graphic above for correct placement. You may want to pin along the lines and flip the fabric back, to make sure the Bleached muslin triangles will be in the correct position. Repeat three more times.

The only tricky thing we're doing in this block is a partial seam. When you sew the first side piece to the center square, you will line it up with the left side of the center square, but you will only sew about 3/4 of the way along the center square. Part of the side piece will be loose at this point.

Press seam toward the center.

Sew a side piece to the right of the center square.

This time you can line up the whole side piece to the previously sewn piece. Press toward the center. Repeat twice more. Then you can sew the rest of the partial seam you sewed first. That's all there is to this block. This block finished 9 1/2 inches.





SATURDAY SEWCIAL & OPEN SEW

May 4th is the date for a Hunter Star workshop led by Lois Walters.

- Wendy Harwick & Lillian Behrens



UPCOMING SHOWS AND EVENTS

- March 13-16 AQS Quilt Show Lancaster - Lancaster County Convention Center in downtown Lancaster; 3 East Vine Street. www.aqsshows.com/AQSLancaster
- March 13-16 23rd Annual Lancaster Quilt Show; 9-6 (Sat 9-4) at the Continental Inn; 2285 Lincoln Hwy. (Route 30), Free admission. www.lancasterquiltshow.webs.com
- April 5-6 "A Showcase of Quilts XV" by Homemaker's Country Quilters, 10-4 pm, Montgomery County 4H Center, Creamery, PA; 1015 Bridge St. Collegeville, PA
- May 3-4 "For the Love of Quilting VII" by Penn Oaks Quilters, Griffith Hall at Ludwig's Corner Firehouse, 1325 Pottstown Pike, Glenmore PA 10-6pm (4pm Sat) www.pennoaksquilters.org
- May 31 - June 2 "Fabulous at 40" 40th Annual Quilters Unlimited Show, Dulles Expo Center, Chantilly VA www.quiltersunlimited.org



BABY BANK

The Visiting Nurse Assoc. of St. Luke's is the driving force of the "MOM & BABY" program. This program is designed to help single, low income, first time moms. Not only do they help with teaching how to care for the baby, but life skills are also presented. Sometimes the moms have jobs, but it isn't always enough. The "Baby Bank" was started to collect small items for us to contribute. (wipes, ointment, cups, diapers etc.) Also, I have a bank available for monetary contributions for me to do the shopping. I always check with the nurses to see what might be on the wish list for that month.

\$ 10.00 was collected at the February meeting and also a package of receiving blankets and onesies. Thanks to those who remember the babies each month.....everything small adds up to be big. Thanks again.

Look for the bank & gift bag at the sign in table !!!!!

- Susie Metz





March 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.

Kim Berger, Margo Billetz, Nanci Blankowitsch, Kathy Boushell, Suzanne Boyer, Ellen Buck, Lorraine Bujnowski, Anne Capuano, Pat Conklin, Jami Cooper

Regular Guild meetings are held on the second Tuesday of the month at 7:00 pm

Holy Cross Evangelical Lutheran Church
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April Newsletter articles due by ***March 22, 2013***

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