

January Newsletter articles due on December 20, 2008. Contact Cuyler Augustino at 610-866-9927 or ruffdogs1@gmail.com

December Refreshments: The following members are asked to provide cookies, dessert, veggies, etc. for the December Guild meeting. Please arrange for another person to provide snack if you are unable to attend.

Carol Messina Susie Metz Kathy Miller Lois Millheim

Bonnie Moor Ruth O'Connell Peggy Pagni Donna Pace

December Board Meeting - No Board Meeting in December

Holy Cross Evangelical Lutheran Church

2700 Jacksonville Rd., Bethlehem, PA 18017

Regular Guild meetings are held on the second Tuesday of the month at-

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Bethlehem, PA 18017

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Rita's Corner

How time flies! The holidays are here and the year is almost over. This is always a busy time for everyone. Don't forget to take time for yourself. A short break (maybe a few minutes to sew) can renew your energy.

Wishing you and your loved ones a blessed and joyous Holiday Season!!!!

Happy Quilting!

December Birthdays

5 - Tracy Sturmack 9 - Boots Horwath 10 - Nanci Blankowitsch

10 - Cindy Fantasia 21 - Gail Kromer 23 - Mary Lawson 23 - Judy Thompson

23 - Charmaine Weisenbacher 24 - Sue Jones 25 - Lillian Behrens

25 - Margie Kiefer 26 - Susie Metz 28- Margo Billetz 31 - Linda Kleppinger

Change of Info-

Ruth O'Connell e-mail ruth1904@ptd.net Mary Liz Michalski (new member) 610-837-8673 Yvonne Moor - bononthehill@rcn.com Jane Frounfelker - jlf0629@gmail.com Kathy Ehrhardt - Kathleen.ehrhardt@desales.edu

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Don't forget to check in when you come to meetings, you may win the door prize. Wear your name tag, or make us wealthier 50C at a time. Check out all the tables, you may be missing valuable information. Get your 50/50 raffle at the Library and check out one of their many excellent quilting books. Find a seat. Get yourself some coffee, a snack, your secret sister present, if you are participating, and settle in for an informative night with friends and soon to be friends.

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Fat Quarter Lottery 2008-2009

Bring a pre-washed 100% cotton fat quarter (or several) to the guild meeting and get a chance to win a pile of fat quarters! This year's list:

Dec. - Christmas of course (or red & green) Jan. - Snowman/winter scene Feb. - Valentine/hearts March- Any green print April - Easter print May - Flowers June - Pastels

This is a good way to empty out or build your stash. Keep the fat quarters coming so I won't be out of a position!

Sew keep on quilting, Ellie Lazar 610-867-1255

From Sunshine and Shadows

Happy Holidays to all. May the holidays and New Year bring happiness and health to you and your families!

Best Wishes,

Eileen Gorzelic

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BLOCK OF THE MONTH-----It's hard to believe we are in the holidav mode. Christmas is approximately 6 weeks away, so ladies keep on sewing! The block for the month of January is called "ARROW STAR" and it's really an optical illusion star. Colors to be used are cream, light blue and dark blue prints. Directions have been printed with the newsletter. Congratulations to Barbara Franks for winning the 12 blocks, just enough to make a pretty quilt. Ladies, remember to bring your red and green blocks to the December meeting. You could be the lucky winner in December! Your Blockheads. Mary and Jean

Feed Sack Club Reunion

April 2 - 4, 2009

Lancaster, PA

See Dora Serfass for details

Books for Soldiers-

Betsy Golden will be continuing accepting used book collection for the men and women on the USS Iwo Jima for a few more months. She thanks you all so much for your donations of books and money for postage. 9 cartons have been mailed so far. Add to the Shop List-

along with Allentown Sewing Machine Outlet at 725 N. 15th St., Allentown ant At Piece Quiltery at 2210 Corriere Rd., Easton look for a new shop The Quilted Chicken at West Valley Marketplace, 1042 Mill Creek Rd., Allentown

These stores and many more have all you need for your gift giving or creating needs.

COMMUNITY SERVICE-

Warm the heart of someone this holiday season through your community service project and at the same time warm your own heart through your giving. Here is a reminder of the project choices:

4 teddy bears

2 mastectomy pillows with bags

2 preemie quilts, 18" x 25"

1 children's oncology quilt, 42" x 44" or 42" x 54"

1 wounded soldier quilt, 50" x 60"

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From the Quilt Show Maven-

1. Make a quilt to sell! Quilt Show 2010 is only 18 months away – get together with your mini groups, or go through your scraps to make a quilt for some pocket money. As far as pricing your quilt – make your quilt for the selling market, but make sure you charge what your quilt is worth. The worst case is, if the price is too high, it may not sell. But, then again, it might, so do not under price your quilt. You may want to save those gorgeous hand appliquéd, hand quilted quilts for your loved ones. For guidance on how much to charge, check the following site: www.bryerpatch.com/faq/ marketing.htm

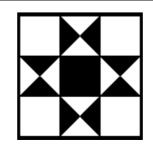
2. We are collecting old cell phones and used printer cartridges for Turning Point of Lehigh Valley. Turning Point recycles them to earn money for their valuable services. There is a box for collecting the cell phones and printer cartridges on the table at the entrance. Please help support Turning Point with this simple action.

3. We are looking for a new Venue for the Quilt Show in 2010. If you have any suggestions, please let Betsy Lawrence or Nancy Frantz know. There is also a box for collecting suggestions – just write it on a piece of paper and drop it in. 4. FYI – You can get chips for your quilts (the way we have our pets microchipped) for security purposes. The chips are the size of a grain of rice. Check the site www.chippedquilts.com

<u>Creative Kindness</u> - Projects you can list or create and contribute out of the kindness of your heart (no credit, but thanks)

Baby Bank-

The VNA of St. Luke's has an ongoing program of collecting baby needs that are used to distribute on an emergency basis to their clients in need. They especially need wipes, diapers (any size), ointment, ready to feed formula, (preferably "Nestle Good Start" because it is the same formula offered by WIC), onesies with feet....most anything needed for babies!!! If yiu care to donate anything I will have a bag available at the sign-in table. Thanks in advance & Merry Christmas..... Susie Metz



Colonial Quilters' Guild History

for 1986 & 1987. If there are any corrections or additions to be made, please let me know at the next meeting or call me at 610-759 -7610 or email me at drep57@verizon.net and use the subject line as CQG History. Thank You, Bev Repsher

January 1986 Dues were \$12.00 a year April 1986 We joined National Quilters Associa-

Officers

Pres. Joan Lukens V. Pres. Doris Schofield Sec. Connie Weaver Treas. Peggy Pagni

Committee Members

Program	Eileen Hull
Publicity Bethlehem, Allentown, Easton	Grace Pettite Debbie Heeps Cookie Duh
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Newsletter Mary Beth Gower

Bus Trips Peggy Pagni

Membership Beverly Repsher and Margo Billetz

Quilt Show Mary Ann Dutkin / Sandi Gebhart / Mary Beth Gower

Activity chairman for Leader Home Grace Pettite

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January 1987 Officers

Pres. Wilma Schlosser V. Pres. Doris Schofield Sec. Nancy Heller Treas. Marty Moyle

Committee Members		
Program	Helen Overgaard	
Hospitality	Three people would volunteer, each month, to provide refreshments	
Publicity		
Historian		
Newsletter	Marty Moyle	
Bus Trips	Peggy Pagni	
Membership	Beverly Repsher and Margo Billetz	
Activity chairman for Leader Home Grace Pettite		

In June, some of our Colonial Quilters helped the Keystone Quilters with an NQA show which was held at Lafatyette College, Easton, Pa

On June 24 - 28, 1987, was when the 1st Hoffman Challenge started.

In August we made a raffle quilt, Log Cabin pattern, for the Heart Fund at the Leader House, Bethlehem, Pa.

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 liking.

Quilt Show 8/87 - at Bethlehem's 250th Anniversary		
Co-ordinator of show	Marty Moyle	
Finance	Lil Ward and Doris Schofield	
Lobby	Tedde Anderson and Helen Overgaard	
Publicity	Marty Moyle	
Registration	Dorothy Reed and Nancy Heller	
Catalog	Agnes Rowney & Wilma Schlosser	

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Program Schedule for 2008/2009

12/9/2008 Cathie Werner - My Designs and Award Winning Garments

Cathie's garments have won awards at quilt shows across the nation. Don't miss her trunk show of award winning designs and garments; a real holiday treat with no calories!

1/13/2009 Charlene Frable - So Now What?

Charlene's book, Quilt As Desired provides detailed instructions and expert insight into thread selection, marking techniques and simple binding. Now you can see her quilts and ask her questions about quilting techniques, thread, marking, binding... An evening full of helpful tips and beautiful machine quilting

1/17/2009 Machine Quilting Workshop - \$25

2/9/2009 Block Olympics

Bring your red, white and blue scraps and see if your team can win the gold.

3/9/2009 Antique Quilts

Do you have an old quilt that has been handed down through your family or that you purchased maybe at a yard sale, flea market, estate sale or anywhere else? This is your chance to show it off and tell its story. Your quilts will turn this meeting into a memorable display of history and color.

4/14/2009 Karen Eckmeier – Collaged Ceations

Karen will present both a slide and trunk show: From whimsical lizards to contemplative landscapes, Karen leads you step by step through several approaches to fabric collage. She will show you how to cut fabrics to get the look of precision piecing or even to give your piece a soft painterly glow. To learn more about Karen and her quilts visit www.quilted -lizard.com

4/15/2009 Happy Villages Workshop - \$25



5/12/2009 Tracey Sturmack – Fabric Dyeing

Tracey's stand at the quilt show was a rainbow of color. We are pleased that she has agreed to share with us how she produces her wonderful colors and mottled patterns.

6/9/2009 Ami Simms – How NOT to Make Prize Winning Quilts

"Over the years I've made some horrible mistakes. Hopefully I can pass on some tips on what NOT to do! You'll see an assortment of quilts, from the very first to the more recent and I'll pick them apart before your very eyes! Topics covered include Cutting On Sewing Lines, "Mystery Batting," Bedsheets For Backing, Pre-Washing is a Waste of Time, and the "Jam & Cram" Method of Binding Attachment." – Ami Simms To learn more about Ami and her quilts visit www.amisimms.com

6/10/2009 Twisted Sisters Workshop - \$30

Workshop Sign Up – look for sheets at the December meeting

We are starting a waiting list for Charlene Frable's machine quilting workshop but there are still openings for the Happy Villages workshop with Karen Eckmeier and the Twisted Sisters workshop with Ami Simms.

November 11, 2008

Regular meeting of the Colonial Quilters Guild

Called to order at 8:27PM after a Show and Tell from members

Rita Schmell, President-Rita remarked that it had been a wonderful display of the work of all the great quilters we have in our guild.

Rose Macaluso, Treasurer-Beginning balance \$9,042.18, incoming funds \$1845.50, the expenses paid \$1877.18 and that makes the ending balance at this time \$9010.50 (end of October 2008)

Are there any corrections? If not may we place the treasurers report on file for a future audit.

Jane Merkel, Vice President-we presently have 136 members and included are three new members Kathy Erhardt, Mary Liz Mahalski and Michelle McLaughlin and one guest Debbie Nees.

Cuyler Augustino, Newsletter-the new member directories are available at the entrance table and your membership cards are attached.

Mary Lou Green, Community Service-Mary Lou delivered some items that had been made by members and they were gratefully accepted by the groups who received them. A nurse from the cancer center called to tell Mary Lou that her patients will love the mastectomy bags Mary Lou had dropped off, also she received a phone call thanking us for the bears. A note was received from Nancy Winters, a pediatric social worker at the Pediatric Specialty Care Unit at Lehigh Valley, Muhlenburg thanking our group for the pediatric oncology quilts.

Sally Viglione, Saturday Sewcials-On 11/22/2008 we will make a tree skirt. The members leading the class will be Nancy Snow and Beth Swain, 9AM until 3PM at the church. The cost will be \$5.00, please bring your machine and fabric.

Jane Frounfelker, Programs-December we will have a fashion show of quilted clothing. January Charlene Frable will present Machine Quilting, with a workshop. February there will be Block Olympics, teams will compete in making blocks which will be put together for oncology quilts later.

In March, members will be asked to bring in Antique Quilts to show to the membership, April Karen Eckmeier will present Landscape Quilting in her unique style. There will also be a workshop to do Happy Village a 16x16 square wall hanging.

In May we will have a presentation by Tracy Sturmak on Fabric dyeing and June we will have Ami Simms, her presentation is called Twisted Sister, also with a workshop later in the week.

Jane Merkel, Vice President-there are 91 members present tonight and the winner of the door prize is Jane Frounfelker.

Mary and Jeanne Henning, BOM co chairs-12 blocks go to Barbara Frank, a new member. For December the block will be in red and green colors.

Elie Lazar, Fat Quarter Stash-1st winner Barbara Frank and 2nd is Grace Crowther.

Rose Klim, Library- \$17.00 to Beverly Repsher and the library has three new books available to be loaned out.

Jane Merkel and Rita Schmell, Vice Pres and Pres have a surprise for the membership, the raffle quilt for 2009 has been completed by Rita, Jane, Pat Barnes and Terry Prah. It is a 103x88 queen size quilt and suggestions for names can be submitted to Rita or Jane by email or phone.

A reminder, the guild will require a nominating committee by January and a member suggested using fleece to back the preemie quilts to be given to the hospital.

HAPPY THANKSGIVING and meeting adjourned at 8:59 PM.