



Colonial Quilters Guild March 2009

April Newsletter articles due on **March 25, 2009**. Contact Cuyler Augustino at 610-866-9927 or ruffdogs1@gmail.com

March Refreshments: *The following members are asked to provide cookies, dessert, veggies, etc. for the March Guild meeting. You are also asked to help clean up the refreshment area. Please arrange for another person to provide snack if you are unable to attend.*

*Debbie Schreffler Sheri Seip Dora Serfass Lucille Serman
Diana Slopik Barbara A. Smith Carol Smith Diane Smith*

March Board Meeting – March 3, 6:30 PM at Rita Schmell’s house

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

Holy Cross Evangelical Lutheran Church

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Rita's Corner

March has finally arrived, and I am, as I bet all you are tired of winter. Spring will be coming soon bringing new inspiration. The colors of this season are so welcome and cheerful that you can't help but smile---and pull out some fabric for a spring quilt! Yes, I would have to say this is my favorite time of the year. There is so much to inspire the quilt maker.

I would like to encourage members to participate in the guild in anyway you can, the choices and opportunities go on and on. The more you put into "your" Colonial Quilters Guild the more you get out of it. We would not have a guild without your participation.

Keep Smiling.....Keep Quilting

March Birthdays

1 - Arlene Renninger 4 - Debbie Schreffler 12 - Irene Madalena
15 - Jacqueline Greenleaf 18 - Gloria Lohn 19 - Mary Stein
20 - Marjory Fray 21 - Betsy Lawrence 22 - Carol Messina
27 - Joyce Farley 30 - Diana Slopik

BABY NEEDS COLLECTION at the **MARCH** meeting for the "Baby Bank" of the VNA of St. Luke's who distributes these items on an emergency basis to families in need. Items like diapers, wipes, diaper rash ointment & formula (Nestle Good Start Ready to Feed) are needed. If you think this is a worthy cause your donation of these items is greatly appreciated. If you do not have time to shop for the items, I will have a "Bank" available for monetary donations & I will buy the baby items. Thanks for your support !!!!! If you have any questions you can contact Susie Metz 610-252-0910

Wendy Harwick will be hosting an **Open Sew Night** for guild members Thursday March 26, 6:30pm to 9pm. Please come, work on your quilts, and have a lot of fun. Its a great way to get to know other people from the guild. The cost will be \$5 per person. I look forward to seeing a lot of you there. Any questions call Wendy at 610-866-7704.

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Fat Quarter Lottery 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:

March- Any green print

April - Easter print

May - Flowers June - Pastels

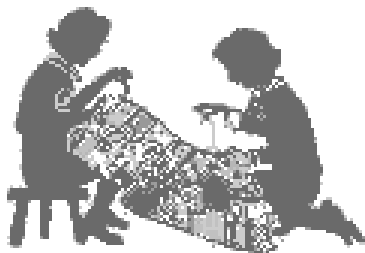
This is a good way to empty out or build your stash. Keep the fat quarters coming so I won't be out of a position!

Sew keep on quilting, Ellie Lazar
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APRIL BLOCK OF THE MONTH – With Spring around the corner, we hope you are using some of these gloomy winter days, to work on your blocks. Whether you are going to do a block for the BOM Project, inspired to get your own project going, or perhaps use some of the blocks as an idea for the fabric challenge. You can certainly get things done by the time spring rolls around and diverts your attention to the outdoors. Grace Couther was the lucky winner of 20 blocks at the February meeting, which will certainly make a beautiful quilt.

The instructions can sometimes call for a specific color-but when you look in your stash or go to a fabric store, the color combination may not be available or to your liking. We are sometimes offering alternative colors that can be substituted without compromising the block or projects final look. We don't want you to "not do the block" because of a color issue.

This month's block is called "Fox and Geese" Colors needed are tan floral print (with a hint of orange in it), orange floral print, and a burgundy floral print. Have fun, Your Block Heads, Jean and Mary

Sign up for our two Spring Saturday Socials at our March meeting! April 4th - Susan Metz will be teaching an easy reversible Tote Bag. May 16th - Nancy Snow will be teaching a Spring Table runner. The cost is \$5.00 for a day of fun!

Lancaster Bus Trip

Saturday April 18

Leaves the church at 7:00 AM

Order box lunch at next guild meeting

\$6.79 + tax Executive Box

\$7.79 + tax Supreme Box

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Membership Reminder

According to the by-laws, Article IV-Membership: To be an active member, members are required to attend a minimum of four meetings a year. Over half of you have all ready kept this commitment. We have four meetings remaining in this year. We look forward to seeing you at these meetings as we aspire to a 100% meeting this requirement.

The other requirements are: Participation in Community Service and Providing Refreshments when your name appears in the newsletter. Since this is not a quilt show year, that requirement is waived.

You are permitted to bring a guest and they are permitted to come twice a year. Guest Fee is \$3.00. When they sign the guest list at the membership table, we ask them for their address and phone and IF they wish to become a member. (Make sure your guest does this, if they want to be placed on the waiting list) This is a wonderful opportunity for those interested in our guild to attend and see how it functions, before they place their name on the waiting list. Jane Merkel

New Program Committee:

Your new program committee would like to hear from you. What would you like to see in the next 2 years for your programs or what do you not want to see? This is your guild so please take the time to fill out the questionnaire. There will be copies at the welcome table in March or you can access a copy on- line at the guilds Yahoo site. <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/CQGBethlehem/>

Thanks to everyone who filled out the questionnaire so far. We have some great feedback. You can also contact any of the new committee members by e-mail or a phone call. The new committee is Susie Metz, Betsy Lawrence, Nanci Blankowitshc, Sharon Enstrom, Deb Kriebel, Roth O'Connell & Donna Pace. This is your guild and the committee would love to hear from you!!

Community Service

Choices: 2 preemie quilts 18" by 25" OR 1 pediatric oncology quilt 42" by 44" or 42" by 54"
OR 4 teddy bears (these are in a very short supply and needed) OR 2 mastectomy pillows with bags (VERY FIRMLY STUFFED) OR 1 wounded soldier quilt 50" by 60"

Be sure to fulfill your community service requirement by the JUNE 2009 meeting, because as stated in the bylaws, "failure to fulfill these requirements will result in termination of membership."

Please see Mary Lou Green for patterns.

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Program Schedule for 2009

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. Betsy Golden will be on hand if you would like to have more information about your quilt's age, or construction techniques.

4/14/2009 Karen Eckmeier – Collaged Creations

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 March meeting

There are still openings for the Happy Villages workshop with Karen Eckmeier and the Twisted Sisters workshop with Ami Simms. Sign up this month!

02/10/2009 Colonial Quilters Guild Regular Meeting

Rita Schmill, President-Meeting called to order at 7:20 PM. Are there any additions or corrections to the minutes as published in the newsletter? No changes, minutes accepted.

Rose Macaluso, Treasurer-January balance \$9574.13, additions \$195.25 and subtractions \$795.99. The balance for February: \$8971.39. Any additions or corrections? Since there are none file for a future audit.

Jane Merkel, Vice President-There are 66 members present and 1 guest, Jean Barnes. Seventy one percent of the members have met their attendance commitment that is at least 4 meetings. There is a \$3 guest fee so bring any friends or perhaps someone who is on the waiting list for membership, they may attend up to 2 meetings a year. Door prize winner Sue Sos.

Cuyler Augustino, Newsletter-Deadline for news and information for the newsletter is February 25th.

Mary Lou Green, Community Service-A note of thanks from St Likes NICU for our gifts for the babies.

Sally Viglione, Saturday Sewcials-On 4/4/2009 there will be a class with Susie Metz for a reversible tote and then on 5/16/2009 Nancy Snow will lead a class to make a table runner.

Boots Horwath, Bus trips-There is a bus trip to Lancaster (4 shops) on 4/18/2009, the cost will be \$25 and a box lunch will again be available to order. Bus will leave at 7 AM.

Jane Frounfelker, Programs-Charlene Frable's workshop was enjoyed by all who attended; there are some remaining openings for the next two workshops planned. Karen Eckmeier on April 15th and the Ami Sims workshop on June 10th. Please bring some old quilts to the next meeting (3/10/2009) they will be examined by Betsy Golden. She can assist in determining the age of the quilt and other factors.

---Susie Metz, On behalf of the Baby Bank VNA-Please bring diapers, wipes, formula (Nestle Good Start) to the March meeting and cash will also be gladly accepted for this worthy cause.

---Susie Metz and Betsy Lawrence will be next year's program committee; they would appreciate feedback from the members for the future meetings. Sandra Doerbecker will be the October 2009 speaker; she judged the quilts at our last (2008) quilt show. Speakers are very costly so suggestions from members will be appreciated. Stash in a Sack is a feature coming soon!

---Ellie Lazar, Fat Quarter raffle-Winners (1) Beth Swain, (2) Ruth O'Connell (3) Grace Crowther (4) Beth Swain.

---Mary Henning, BOM-Next month's block will be in beige, orange in a floral print, if you cannot find orange use gold. BOM winner, Grace Crowther.

---Rose Klim, library-50/50 winner is Joyce Farley (\$16.00)

There will be a book list available on the website containing the names of all the books currently in the library.

The nominating committee for the June election of President and Secretary are Boots Horwath, Judy Royer, and Margo Billetz, please keep an open mind if you are called.

Open Sews were again brought up by members who would like them to resume. Rita said that will be considered next year when they will be reorganized to better cover the costs involved.

Meeting adjourned 7:50 PM

If there are any changes or corrections to be made to the following, please contact Bev Repsher at any guild meeting or by calling 610-759-7610 or email drep57@verizon.net with the subject of CQG History.

September 1991/1992

Officers

Pres. Doris Schofield
V. Pres. Denise Pelkey
Sec. Rosalie Freidenberger
Treas. Jayne Slovick

Committee Members

Program Meridian Fulton
Publicity Jane Wismer
Historian Tedde Anderson
Newsletter Sharon Emele
Bus Trips Connie Weaver
Hospitality Mae Transue January 1990 we purchased a coffee pot (\$15.00)
Library Mary Morgan
Membership Beverly Repsher

Charity Quilts Committee Gail Kromer, Pat Conklin, Marion Smith, Lanah Grube, Ruth Vivian & Jean Ruwedel

Quilt show Cindy Williams
Boutique Connie Weaver & Pat Conklin
Display Sandi Gebhardt
Vendors Meridian Fulton

Community Projects We gave \$100.00 and we also made quilts for junior boys aged 10-13 of the Childrens Home of Easton, Easton, Pa.

The Penny Jar - run by Jean Ruwedel - Each month we were to bring in our extra pennies (nickels, dimes, quarters or whatever) and place them in the jar. These monies would go into the treasury for programs .

March 21, 1992 a proclamation was declared - National Quilting Day by Mayor Joseph Daddona of Allentown, Mayor Kenneth Smith of Bethlehem and Mayor Thomas Goldsmith of Easton.

July 25, 1992 we had a covered dish picnic at the Nazareth Park, Nazareth, Pa.

1992 -We made a raffle quilt for the Weller Center in Easton, Pa where they made \$3,00.00 on it.

August 1992 we purchased a camera and it was to be stored in the cabinet at the church.

September 1992 / 1993

We had our 2nd Quilt Show at NCC on March 20, 1993. Profit was \$2943.00 We gave New Bethany Ministries \$1,450 from the quilt raffle which was under the direction of Mildred Harleman and Grace Pettite.

June 1993 was our 10th Anniversary

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Quilt Show Mary Ann Dutkin / Nancy Heller
Charity Quilts Susan Truby, Rachel Tamm, Beverly Repsher & Cindy Fitzpatrick

March 10, 2009

Belvidere High School Cafeteria

809 Oxford Street, Belvidere, NJ

7:00 to 9:00 pm

Our members will be cleaning out their sewing rooms, studios, corners of their basements, and anywhere they may have quilting items stashed. The good news is they are making these items available to you at a fraction of the prices they paid. Come enjoy refreshments, good conversation and some great bargains. Shop till you drop!