



Homemaker's Country Quilters Newsletter

Website: www.homemakerscountryquilters.org

Guild Newsletter

Summer, 2016

The 4 H fair is almost here. We have a quilting room where we demonstrate hand quilting, sell our Rada cutlery and raffle tickets and answer questions about our club. It is an interesting time. Anyone who wants to stop in and help or look is welcome. Below are the members who signed up to work at the 4H fair in the quilting room. Please contact Lynn Horng if you have any questions.

4H FAIR 2016

Thurs. Aug. 11 4:30 to 9:30

Helen Marie Marshall
Kay Bachkai
Kathleen Wydrzynski
Lillian Fisher
Nannette Konstant 6-8

Lynn Horng
Phyllis Kershner
Nancy McCormick
Robbie Younger

Friday Aug. 12 9:30 to 12:30

Barb Tudgay
Peggy Michener
Diane Bonck
Marie Schoen
Judy Trumbore

12:30 to 6:30

Rita Fillinger
Donna Armstrong
Lynn Horng
Judy Trumbore

6:30 to 9:30

Lynn Horng

Barbara Cooper

Saturday Aug. 13 9:30 to 11:45

Joan Fichtner
Connie Landis
11:45 to 2:00
Helen Marie Marshall
Trudy Puglise

Phyllis Kirshner
Lillian Fisher
2 to 4 (clean up)
Barb Tudgay
Nannette Konstant
Lois VanEerden

Hope you are having a great summer. Remember to get those quilts ready to display at our show in March, 2017!

Our next meeting will be on September 9.

There will be a newsletter coming out the beginning of September.

For all members

This is an URGENT request for volunteers for the white glove commitment to the Oaks Quilt Show, September 15 through 18, 2016. If you plan to attend the Quilt Show on ANY day, please give us 2 to 4 hours of your time so that we may exhibit our raffle quilt and sell tickets at that event. This was a very successful venture for our Quilt club in the past. Please sign up NOW so that we can make the commitment to Mancuso by August 25th. It will be easier to replace anyone who may have a difficult time meeting the commitment in September than to not have a table from which to sell our raffle tickets nor to display our raffle quilt.

PLEASE, PLEASE, AND THANK YOU from your Quilt Show Committee.

Contact Jane Humay at humayj@yahoo.com or 610-275-2433 or Dottie Allison at wndallison@comcast.net or 215-723-3349.

Meet and Measure Party You are invited to a "Meet and Measure Party" on Monday, August 15th at 9:30 until 3:30. We are anticipating a real party atmosphere. Our new members are being invited. Let's make this work fun!! Many hands will lighten our load. Remember, we are an all volunteer army and depend on ALL members to participate in our efforts! Please bring your lunch and dancing shoes. We'll provide the chocolate!! See the article on page 2 about the measuring.

Website Development:

Jane Nase has put many hours into learning how to update our website and doing the updating. She has enlisted help from many places and has done her usual thorough job of making it an outstanding website. Be sure to check it out. There are many jewels on it. Thanks Jane Nase

4 H Fair dates:

Thursday, August 11 to Saturday, August 13.

Presidents Corner



Pat Miesse
Barb Tudgay



Finally warm weather and sunshine! We have much to keep you busy in August. First, we have the **4H Fair** from August 11 to 13, thank you for the wonderful response to the sign-up sheets. We have a few blank spots which we shall try to fill. Starting on Monday August 15 we will be having a **Meet and Measure PARTY** in the Oak room. We will need your **HELP!** This will be a party, so look at your calendar and give Jane Humay or Helen Marie Marshall a call to sign up. Beginning at 9:30, boxes will be brought down from the attic and we will get started on measuring and pricing the items for the Recycle Room. Not only will this give a great head start but we will have a wonderful opportunity to meet one another in a smaller setting. We will be sending out more information on this gala event. Gearing up for our next year is truly exciting we have at least 6 new members and lots of ideas for programs and workshops. We look forward to seeing many of you at the 4H Fair and during our Meet and Measure Party in the Oak room.



Pennsylvania Quilt Shop Directory

This site is most trusted source to find quilt shops in Pennsylvania. Share this page as the best place to search for Pennsylvania quilt shops.

QUILTINGHUB.COM

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Jane Nase and Ginny McCain.

Program Committee Report



Linda Brennan and
Jane Humay

Patricia Knoechel, otherwise known as Eleanor Burns' sister, came to the building in June. Her program was delightful as always. We will be writing more about the upcoming programs in the next newsletter. Hang on for another wonderful ride into the world of quilt!

Quilt Show Information *Jane Humay*

I know we are all being pulled in many directions this summer, but the Extension has graciously given us three consecutive weeks of use of the Walnut Room starting the 15th of August until the 2nd of September. With that said, I am asking for ALL Quilt Club members to give some time to help kick start the organization of the Recycle Room.

We will be having a "Meet and Measure Party" on Monday, August 15th at 9:30 until 3:30. We are anticipating a real party atmosphere. Let's make this work fun!! Many hands will lighten our load.

We'll meet every day during this time period between 9:30 and 3:30, so if the 15th doesn't work for you, please give some time any other days. The Recycle Room at the Quilt Show is a vital money raiser for our Club. We've had a great year of Programs. The money for Programs comes in a large part from the income from the Quilt Show.

Remember, we are an all volunteer army and depend on ALL members to participate in our efforts! Please bring your lunch and dancing shoes. We'll provide the chocolate!!

Last year's Block of the Month Although a bit chaotic, seeing all the BOM quilts finished at the May meeting was awesome. Check the pictures on the website. If you didn't bring your quilt in and want it on the website, send me a picture. Very excited that so many ladies participated. It is great to see the enthusiasm for quilting, so many distinct fabric choices. A very creative bunch indeed! Jane Nase and Judy Trumbore

Long Arm Quilting **So Be It Nannette Konstant**

Nannette, a member of the guild since 1988 does long arm quilting for "pin money."



I will quilt your quilt the way I would my own. Whether you want custom or pantographs, see me for a good job. I welcome questions – home 215-233-9318 or cell 215-828-7556

Spiral Table Runner Workshop

The Workshop will be held after the meeting in October, 10/14/16 from 12:30 to 3:30-4:00. Any followup instructions will be done on the third Friday from 9:30 to ? There are 16 people signed up at this time. For those taking the workshop, patterns will be provided. Because of the limited time on the 14th, homework is already being posted so we can take off running (start cutting) first thing at 12:30. If we can do this we can finish in one afternoon.

You should all have your fabrics ready by the September meeting because I will give you a list of how you will cut the fabrics and sew them together in 4 pressed panels by the Workshop. You need 8 different fabrics that go well together and go from light to dark or blend from one color into another such as Red, White, & Blue OR Christmas colors, Red, Cream, Green, etc. You can use 8 fat quarters, or 8 quarter yards. You will cut them into strips that are all 22 inches long. You will also need batting and one yard of something for the backing. It's a good idea to snip a sample of each, tape them to a card, and number them in the order you want to use them. It can get confusing if you don't have them listed somehow to refer to "the darkest", or # 1, or # 8. Also a 9 degree ruler is required to construct this table runner. I have 2 available to use and if you have a buddy, two of you can share. We will count how many we have in September and see who may still have to buy one. Any questions, you may call me at anytime. Leave a message if we don't answer. We screen our calls. Judy – 215 234-4759. Have a good rest of the summer. Stay cool and HYDRATE.

Boyertown Area Historical Society Quilt Show will be held September 16, 17 and 18 at the historical society building. This year they are celebrating the 150th anniversary of the founding of Boyertown.

The opening event: Friday, September 16th from 6:00 to 9:00 PM will feature Nancy Roan, a noted PA German textile historian and Candace Perry, curator, Schwenkfelder Library and Heritage Center discussing the antique quilts on display. The cost is \$15.00. Call the society at 610-367-5255 or email boyertownhistroy.office@windstream.net to purchase a ticket.

Show hours: Saturday, September 17 from 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM; Sunday September 18th from 11:00 AM to 4:00 PM. Admission is \$5.00. The building is handicapped accessible by using the rear entrance.

4H Fair News The Fair will be held from August 11, 4:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. August 12, 9:30 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. August 13, 9:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. The 4-H Fair is the culmination of the 4-H project year for Montgomery County 4-H members. This is their opportunity to show their families, friends and the public their achievements throughout the year. Our livestock and animal science 4-H members have their animals on display and proudly show them and answer questions. Other 4-H clubs also have their projects on display and are also on hand to promote 4-H and their clubs. A giant [Fabric Sale](#) is ongoing during the fair and is coordinated by the Creamery Crafters 4-H club. The public is also encouraged to enter their projects into the [Open Classes](#) categories. You **do not** need to be a Montgomery Co. resident! This is a great opportunity to show off your talents! There are classes for all types of gardening, sewing, cooking, crafts, art, photography and more! The Open Classes are for all ages. See the website for information on how to register. Quilting Classes available are:

Class 24 -- Machine Quilted Wall-Hangings and Crib Quilts

Class 25 -- Machine Quilted Full Size Quilt

Class 26 -- Hand Quilted Wall-Hangings and Crib Quilts

Class 27 -- Hand Quilted Full Size Quilts

Class 28 -- Hand and Machine Quilted Combined Wall Hangings and Crib Quilts

Class 29 -- Hand and Machine Quilted Combined Full Size Quilts

These classes all have the following categories:

A. Pieced. B. Appliquéd. C. Whole Cloth. D. Combination



August Birthdays

Notify me if I missed you!

Stephanie Russo	2
Jeannie Flynn	4
Anne Hobb	4
Lois Skitt	5
Lois VanErden	8
Jane Klotz	12
HelenMarie Marshall	13
Kathy Graff	14
Suzanne Macfadden	16
Amy Magrann	19
Rose Warren	19
Kay Bachkai	21
Neda Yarnall	23
Janet Hague	25
Betty Honsberger	31

Thank You

Thank you to all of you who sent cards of sympathy to me on the death of my husband. Your caring thoughts were very comforting.
Sincerely,
Joan Fichtner

Welcome new members! Here is a list of our six new members. Their biographies will be in the September newsletter: Ruth Baizman from North Wales, Helene Brown from Blue Bell, Darlene Hofmeister from Schwenksville, Peggy Melachrinis from Collegeville, Trudie Pugliese from North Hills and Carol Singer from Schwenksville.

Block of the Month

If you would like to sign up for BOM, which is a mystery wall hanging from Merry May, see Jane or Judy at the September meeting. The wall hanging is 34" x 28" and has an appliqué and 3-D component which would satisfy the requirements for the QS Challenge. If you signed up for email version, it will be sent out the first week of the month starting in September. Each month, review the information and we can answer questions for you at the meeting. The printed version will be distributed at the meetings for those without email. Jane Nase and Judy Trumbore.

Ronald McDonald House Update from Rita Fillinger

Remember to save all extra toiletries and can tabs as you travel over the summer. Bins will be at the sign table in September.

Thank you to all the ladies who are working on the Ronald

McDonald Holiday quilts. **Just a reminder that they are due back no later than the October 2016 meeting.**

New quilt kits and patterns will be available in September.

As mentioned last month, the web address is: www.rmhdanville.org

The facebook address is: www.facebook.com/Ronald-McDonald-House-of-Danville-Inc. Try to check in during the summer to see what is going on. And keep working on those quilts.

Quilting at the Frame Maryanne Saboe

The raffle quilt is finished and in the quilt closet. We will have it on display at the 4H Fair and at the Skippack Historical Society on Sept 24. Please come to both of these events and help sell tickets.

We will also be hand quilting the next 4H quilt at both of these events but you don't have to hand quilt –just be there–support your guild.

Thanks to everyone who helped.

Quilt Show 2016

Quilts from the Heart of Berks

October 14 & 15, 2016

Friday: 9AM -- 5PM

Saturday: 9AM -- 5PM

Leesport Farmers Market

Off Route 61

Leesport.

**Valley Forge Homestead
Quilt Guild
Quilt Show
Oct 21-22, 2016**

**Good Shepherd Church
Henderson Road
King of Prussia, PA**

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Fundraiser for 4 H and Foundation: Help Us Raise our Roof.

The 4 H building lost a substantial renter last winter, therefore lessening their income. As several of the buildings are in need of roofs, they have decided to have a wine and cheese tasting party on September 15, 2016. There will also be an auction of items and baskets of interest. Our guild is donating a basket and several members have said they would also donate. If you wish to donate an item or basket please contact Carol Olinick at 287-8624. The 4 H building is used almost every day to promote programs of interest

STASH SMASH *this was sent by Marianne Saboe*

“Most of us have a stash that is too old, cluttered, and way out of style, yet we continue to hold onto it with white knuckles. Don’t. To increase your quilting creativity, you simply can’t be surrounded by clutter. Too much stash actually obstructs our creativity by overwhelming us and blocking our most creative thoughts. While some of us may think we thrive in chaos, research shows us that clutter and too much stimulation actually rattles us and then confuses us. For our quilting process to reap maximum quality in design and technique, we need to reclaim our space by getting rid of what we aren’t using. Besides being humiliating, a cluttered stash is a blow to our self worth and creative self-esteem. Toss it, donate, or bequeath it-just get rid of it. Open your space and take advantage of a fresh perspective and renewed patchwork vigor. “ And as Marianne mentioned, HelenMarie and her recycle room can benefit from the donations.



Pennsylvania National Quilt Extravaganza!


This popular event is the largest and most comprehensive quilt festival in a state that is known for its rich history of quilting.



And who might these lovely quilters be? Do you recognize any of them? I think the one in the first row all the way to the right looks like she might be a famous quilter!

4 H Schedule for measuring. As requested by many members. From Patti Colby, we have lots of things to sort, measure and price for the 4-H Fabric Sale; therefore, I am adding a couple of morning times this week: Thursday, 7/28, and Friday, 7/29, from 9 AM until 1 PM. If you are available and want to come either or both of those days, please let me know. I know some of you are planning to come on Friday, but if no one can/will be there on Thursday, then I won't either. (These are in addition to our times already scheduled.) Attached is an updated schedule.

2016 Measuring Schedule

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
7/24	 7 pm -9 pm	7/26 Measuring 7 pm -9 pm	7/27 9 am - 1 pm	7/28 9 am - 1 pm Measuring 7 pm -9 pm	7/29 9 am - 1 pm	7/30 Measuring 9 am -1 pm
7/31	8/1 7 - 9 pm	8/2 Measuring 7 pm -9 pm	8/3 9 am - 1 pm	8/4 Measuring 7-10 pm	8/5	8/6 9-5 move to gym
8/7 1:30-9 pm set up gym	8/8 set up gym 10 am - 9 pm	8/9 set up gym 10 am - 9 pm	8/10 set up gym 10 am - 9 pm	8/11 9 am - 3 pm set up gym Sale 4 pm - 9:30 pm	8/12 Sale 9:30 am - 9:30 pm	8/13 Sale 9:30 am - 4 pm

For every 2 hours worked, earn \$5 credit towards purchases at the Fabric Sale. No experience necessary! Please sign up IN ADVANCE (so I'll know whom to contact if we cancel a date) by emailing patticolby@msn.com or calling (610) 630-8289. For all activities before 8/5, report to the Oak Room. On 8/6, report to the Oak Room initially.

Why Do Quilts Cost So Much?

Costs for materials, construction, & finishing for a 65" x 65" Throw Quilt.

Materials for throw quilt:

Fabric for the top:

6 yds @ \$11 yd = \$66

5 yds Backing @ \$13 = \$65

2 yds of Bating @ \$11 = \$22

5/8 yd for Binding @ \$11 = \$6.88

TOTAL Cost of Materials = \$159.88

Construction:

(Labor based on \$10/hr)

Making the top:

(Includes preparing the fabric, cutting the pieces, sewing the blocks, setting into rows, adding borders)

50 hours x \$10/hr = \$500

Assembling the Quilt Sandwich:

3 hours @ \$10/hr = \$30

Quilting on Domestic Machine:

(Charged by square inch in a simple all over design)

4225 sq in x \$0.15 = \$63.38

Thread for Quilting - \$15

TOTAL Cost for Construction = \$768.26

Finishing:

Making the Binding:

2 hours x \$10 = \$20

Attaching the binding:

10 hours x \$10 = \$100

TOTAL Finishing costs = \$120

TOTAL COST OF QUILT = \$888.26

Note: A larger quilt, a more intricate pattern, a more elaborate quilting design will cause the price to increase.

Diana's Golden Needle from Jane Nase

Diana Jasany is a very special young quilter. Adopted at 14 months old in 2001 from Kalmykia, Russia, Diana just turned 15 and will be entering 10th grade. She is working on a Girl Scout Gold Award project with some help from Facebook and a LOT of quilting friends! Diana started the [Diana's Golden Needle](#) Facebook page in February, 2015, to share her adoption story and help spread the word about foster care and adoption. That's not all! Her goal is to make 16 quilts for teens who age out of foster care in North Carolina. She didn't know how incredibly well her plan would be accepted by the quilting community, so she gave herself two years to achieve her goals and earn the Girl Scout Gold Award. Five quilts have been completed, and five are out to be quilted. She says, "Even if I achieve my goals earlier, I have decided to continue with this project until March, 2017, as planned and see how many quilts can be made and given away to the teenagers who really deserve them!"

Why was her original goal 16 quilts? "I would like to make 16 quilts for the 16 years that I will have lived here by the time my project will be complete. I also want to make smaller baby size quilts to send back to my Russian orphanage." She'll be making at least ten baby quilts for the ten months that she lived there.



And we complain about carrying out sewing machines in their wheeled cases to workshops. I'll bet her posture is just great!



Some of our quilters with Evelyn McAdam. Look at all those smiles. Quilting and quilt buddies bring such joy into our lives!

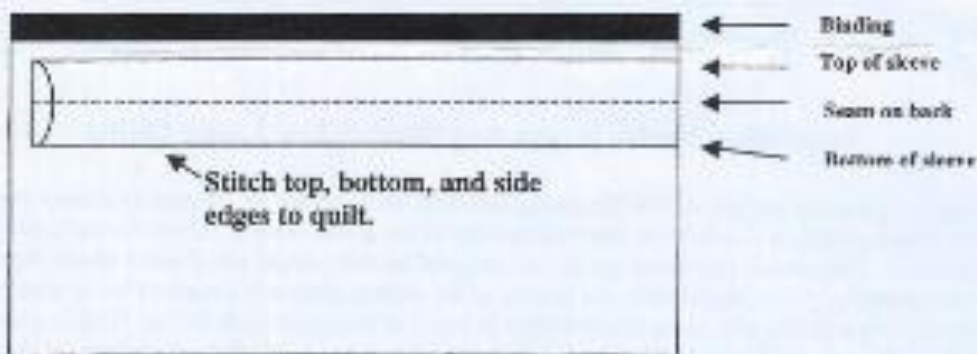
Please see two drawings about constructing hanging sleeves on page 7 and 8 from Marianne Saboe.

Constructing Hanging Sleeve for Quilts

1. Cut fabric for sleeve 9" wide x a length which is 1" shorter than the width of the quilt at the top. You may have to stitch several pieces together to achieve this length. The sleeve fabric(s) may coordinate with the backing fabric(s) or be totally unrelated – it's up to you.
2. Hem the short ends by folding under $\frac{1}{2}$ ", pressing, then folding and pressing once more. Stitch.
3. Fold the fabric in half lengthwise, *wrong sides together* and press.
4. Bring each cut edge to the center fold and press. These two folds are your sewing guides – press them crisply. Unfold and, *wrong sides together*, sew the length of fabric with a $\frac{1}{2}$ " seam allowance. Finger press the seam open.



5. Place one pressed edge of the sleeve approximately 1" from the top of the quilt, with the seamed side of the sleeve against the back of the quilt. Pin in place. Now place the pressed edge of the bottom of the sleeve to the quilt and pin. You will notice there is some bulk in the front of the sleeve – this will accommodate the pole for hanging.
6. Hand stitch the top pressed edge of the sleeve to the quilt back. Stitches need not be especially beautiful, but they must be sturdy so that the sleeve can support the weight of your quilt. To reduce the pull on the lining, catch some of the batting in the stitches (but not the front of the quilt). Continue to stitch the back edges of the ends of the sleeve and the bottom edge of the sleeve to the quilt.



NOTE: If your quilt is longer than 85", you must place the 4" sleeve so the top of the sleeve is 85" from the bottom of the quilt. The top of the quilt will be folded over the piping and the bottom of the quilt will clear the floor.

If you are submitting a quilt greater than 85" in length, please comply with this rule.

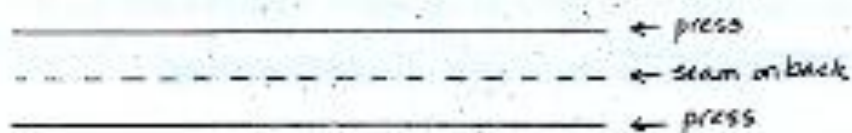
2 3/8 for binding from fold

Have 2 halves in rod pocket

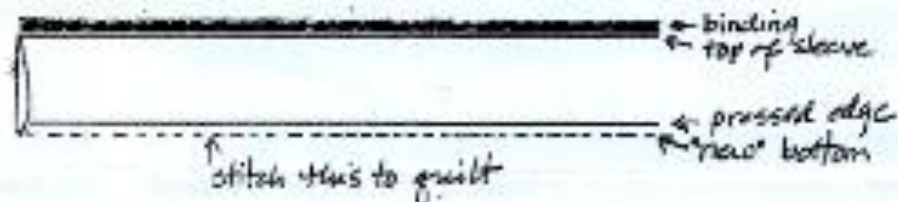
Have extra material with - *ea.* make it flat

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2. Sew the long edges together, wrong side to wrong side, using a 1/2" seam. Press seam open. This puts the seam allowances on the outside of the sleeve.
3. Turn in and hem the ends of the sleeve.
4. Press the sleeve in half along its length, with the long seam at the midpoint of one side.



5. Place one pressed edge of the sleeve against the stitched edge of the binding, centering the sleeve along the top of the quilt, with the seamed side of the sleeve against the back of the quilt. Pin in place. Hand stitch the top pressed edge of the sleeve to the quilt back. Stitches need not be especially beautiful, but they must be sturdy so that the sleeve can support the weight of your quilt.
6. To stitch the remaining edges to the quilt, first prepare the bottom pressed edge of the sleeve. Keeping the back of the sleeve flat, lift and move the bottom pressed edge of the sleeve 1/2" toward the top of the sleeve and pin the "new" bottom edge of the sleeve in place. This causes the sleeve to bow out slightly, with the front of the sleeve now larger than the back. This type of sleeve helps to prevent distortion of the front of the quilt caused by the pole on which the quilt hangs. Hand stitch the back edges of the ends of the sleeve and the bottom edge of the sleeve to the quilt.



Important Notice Regarding Sleeves For Large Quilts

Large quilts frequently are longer than the piping and drag on the floor. In the past, to protect your quilts, we have folded plastic or sheets under the bottom edge of the quilts. This is time consuming and does not look attractive. The plastic and sheets get kicked, stepped on and pushed out of place which requires more straightening. More importantly, the bottom of the quilt is always in danger of being stepped upon. We are adopting a policy now being implemented in many of the major quilt shows. If your quilt is longer than 85", you must place a 4" sleeve so the top of the sleeve is 85" from the bottom of the quilt. The top of the quilt will be folded over the piping and the bottom of the quilt will clear the floor.

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