



Homemaker's Country Quilters Newsletter

Website: www.homemakerscountryquilters.org

Guild Newsletter

January, 2018

Collegeville, PA



January Program Our esteemed web-master, Jane Nase will give us an overview on using the web page that has so many valuable things on it. In the afternoon, Jody Beck will join us for her Crazy Nine Patch workshop. Jody always brings such enthusiasm to her workshops and she is ready to rock us into 2018!

December Program – On a cold December morning our meeting featured the Silent Auction of quilts of Carol Miranowski (Round Bobbin), Peggy Melachrinos's table of crafted items from women who learn a skill to support themselves and their baby through the Mercy House in Texas and a wonderful brunch.

The Oak Room saw a flurry of activity as ladies marked bids on the handy clip boards that Helen Kenna placed for their convenience at each item. Helen reported that the sale was a successful fund raiser for the guild.

Peggy said the craft items sold well, particularly the jewelry. It was good to feel we helped some ladies support themselves.

The festive buffet-brunch was a definite hit. People brought excellent recipes (some of you said you would share them – no recipes came in yet). Again, we quilters are no slouches in the kitchen.

Feed them and give them goods to purchase and they will come!!

HCO Meeting
January 12, 2018

At 9:30 am Remember that *social time and library* begin at **9:00 a.m.**

Please bring non-perishable items for a food pantry – See page 5 for more information.

Quilting At the Frame & Show and Tell are held at each meeting.

Workshop – Jody Beck will be here for a Crazy Nine Patch Workshop in the afternoon following our meeting

Irene Ferguson update:

Rita Fillinger got the following information about Irene Ferguson: She is rehabbing from a fall at Meadowwood. Her address is 224 Holly House PO Box 670 Worcester, PA 19490 Rita says she was told she would be there 4 to 6 weeks. Wish her a happy new year.



Jody Beck, with her Crazy Nine Patch workshop after the meeting in January.



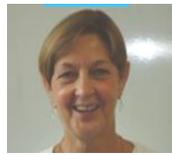
Some of the luscious goodies from the brunch.

Emergency Information: In case of a weather emergency, we follow the local school district which is announced on the radio. Our local School District is Perkiomen Valley and our number is 317. No meeting will be held if there is a 2 hour delay or school is closed. Emails will be sent as soon as a decision is made. If you do not have email and need a call, please contact someone who does have email.

Recycle Room

Donations resume. Bring in your choice items for HelenMarie and her crew to spirit to the attic for our show. March 2019 seems so far away but it is really just around the corner and people love our Recycle Room.

President's Message



From Linda Carey and Nancy McCormack

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Weren't we just wishing each other Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays? It is our hope that you had a wonderful Christmas season and made lots of warm memories to carry you through the dark, cold days of winter.

Many thanks to Jane Nase who will get our quilting New Year off to a good start by helping us understand the nuances of our website and navigating it more comfortably. Following our meeting Jody Beck will join us for her Crazy Nine Patch workshop. Jody's workshops are always fun-filled, energizing affairs that result in beautiful quilts seen during our Show and Tell time. Check your 2017-2018 Program Guide to see what Angie and Carol have planned for February through May.

From Art Gallery Fabrics . . . 10 Historical Facts about Quilting ~

#1 The word **quilt** comes from the Latin "**culcita**" meaning a stuffed sack, but it came into the English language from the French word "**cuilte**".

#2 Crusaders brought quilting to Europe from the Middle East in the late 11th century.

We think this describes, without exception, our HCQ sisterhood ~

Cut with hope ~ Stitch with grace ~ Quilt with dreams ~
Bind with laughter ~ Share with love.

RMD kits Rita Fillinger and Kathy Graff

RMCD Info:

Start the New Year off right! Start & Finish a Ronald McDonald quilt. The kits will be in the Hickory room. Don't forget to sign it out. And for those who have finished - cross it off on your index card, when you turn it in.

This makes a perfect project to have on hand IF & WHEN we get snowed in.

Vice President's Message



From Angela Roman and Carol Singer

I believe I can honestly say that we had a wonderful Holiday Brunch in December. Thank you to all the members that brought food and Thank You to Angie for organizing it. The New Year will be upon us real soon. In January we have Jane Nase talking to us about our website. I'm sure there are many of us that do not know how to navigate through the website. Jane will make us more comfortable to do this.

Also in January we have a workshop with Jody Beck starting at 11:30 - "Crazy 9 Patch Blocks". If you have not received an updated supply list please call Carol Singer 215-257-5627. Look forward to this exciting class.

December Birthdays

Libby Klopp's birthday was omitted from the December list - sorry Libby, you don't get to age this year. HaHa.

January Birthdays

Marie Groth	1-3
Nancy Epright	1-4
Joanne McColgan	1-7
Nancy Knotts	1-11
Barbara Cooper	1-23
Stephanie Berk	1-31

Please let me know if I missed your birthday.



*More brunch goodies guarded by President Nancy.
What a spread we had!!!*

Tip of the Month

by Lynn Horng



And for January, courtesy of craftsby, here are five good tips. I am already familiar with four of the five, and I expect that most of the membership would be, too. However, I really like number 3, how to increase the accuracy of the good old quarter-inch seam, with which I wasn't familiar.

<https://www.craftsy.com/blog/2013/10/favorite-quilting-tips-and-tricks/>

HCQ Website –

Please email any pictures of club activities to Jane



Nase at craftsbymj@verizon.net. The What's New tab has information and pictures of current workshops, fair etc. If you miss a meeting and don't want to miss Show and Tell, just click on the Show and Tell tab. Treasurer's forms are also available.

Treasurer's Availability

Kathy Schuessler will be available 15 minutes before and after the meeting and during the break



for writing checks and taking deposits in the main meeting room. The treasurer's report will be emailed and also placed on the bulletin board.

Missing Recipe Lillian Fisher announced at the December brunch that she gave her recipe for her spinach quiche to someone. She did make it from her memory but would love to have the original back. If you were the recipient or have a copy of her delicious quiche, please let Lillian know.

Note from HelenMarie Marshall

We have another cleanout coming after the holidays...just a warning/heads up! It's in Swarthmore or Wallingford or somewhere out that way. Lots of fabrics buttons zippers etc.

Quilts of Valor® 2018 Block

Drive

From Jane Nase – in case you just want to do one block

The 2018 Quilts of Valor block drive features a beginner's Friendship Star with a pinwheel center. Once completed, please send your blocks to the Block Drive Coordinator for distribution nationwide. They will be made into Quilts of Valor to help State Coordinators with their waiting lists. If you wish to keep the blocks you make in your group, you may do so. Please report the number you make to suzanne.dicarlo@QOVF.org so we can publish the total number made after Conference, May 2018.

The purpose of the national block drive is to give individuals or groups who wish to make just a few blocks, but not assemble a quilt, to have their block(s) in quilts made across the nation. These blocks can be assembled many ways into a QOV. Our hope is to assist State Coordinators with blocks to help fill requests not covered by local groups. Blocks received by May 1, 2018 will be distributed at National Conference to State Coordinators based on the number turned in by their State.

Guidelines:

1. There are three colors needed: background – white or white on white; main color – red, blue or patriotic print; and accent – use a solid if your main color is a print or vice versa (see photos).
2. Use a scant ¼" seam allowance and press carefully.
3. Block should measure 12 ½" as sewn and will finish at 12" in a quilt.
4. Mail block to: **Block Drive Coordinator, Suzanne DiCarlo, 111 Minwood Street, Mineola, TX 75773-1122.**

Mailing instructions:

1. If mailing ONE block, fold it carefully and mail in a standard business size envelope with a "forever" stamp. It cannot be more than ¼" thick.
2. If mailing more than ONE block, use a manila envelope (remove the metal clasp as that make it non-machine able and costs more) and take it to the post office to have postage attached.
3. If sending a lot of blocks, make sure they are in a Ziploc bag and put a label IN THE BAG.
4. Please be sure to attach the correct postage so your blocks don't arrive "postage due."

Questions? Email suzanne.dicarlo@QOVF.org

If you want directions to make the block – email Olinicck@aol.com.

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THE LANCASTER QUILT SHOW MARCH 21-24, 2018
 @ The Continental Inn WED-FRI 9AM-6PM
 SAT 9AM-4PM

FREE ADMISSION FREE PARKING
 40 Vendors FREE \$1200 GIFT BASKET RAFFLE

Antique Quilt Exhibit

WWW.LANCASTERQUILTWEEK.COM

Shuttle Service to AQS Show \$2 ea way. Please visit website for important parking info

AQS Quilt Week - March 21-24, 2018.
 Presented by AQS at the Marriott at the
 Lancaster County Convention Center,
 Lancaster, PA. For more info visit
<http://aqsshows.com>.

Susquehanna Valley Quilt Guild Quilt Show

When: Friday, March 2, 10:00 AM – 8PM
 Saturday, March 3, 10AM - 4PM

Who: Susquehanna Valley Quilt Guild

Where: Warrior Run Area Fire Dept. Social Hall

1st St., Allenwood, PA 17810

Admission: \$5.00 – Children under 12
 admitted free

Information: (570) 220-4334

Submitted by Lucy Henry, show publicity chair
bluhenry@comcast.net

Save the Date: April 11, 2018

Bayside Quilters of the Eastern Shore, Inc.

www.baysidequilters.org invites you to: **AN EVENING WITH MARY FONS**

6-9 PM At the Easton Fire Hall, 315 Aurora Park Drive,
 Easton, MD Meet & Greet, Light refreshments, Lecture, Q
 & A Reservations \$8.00 (Recommended) \$10.00 at the door
 (Space available) Send reservation checks to Bayside
 Quilters, PO Box 2672, Easton, MD 21601 Please include
 your email address for receipt

Olde City Quilts is excited to be a Promotional Partner for
 the upcoming **Quilt Luminarium by Ricky Tims coming to
 the Ewing Township, NJ area May 7-8, 2018**. The ALL-
 NEW Quilt Luminarium by Ricky Tims will be held at the
 Brower Student Center at The College of New Jersey in
 Ewing Township, NJ on May 7-8, 2018 (Monday and
 Tuesday). We wanted to make sure that you all are aware of
 this educational, fun-filled event,
 visit www.quiltluminarium.com to learn about the details.
 Join Ricky for a two-day comprehensive quilt symposium
 that demystifies seemingly complex concepts, teaches
 mastery of unique techniques, and harnesses the power of the
 ever-elusive muse of creativity.

Art Quilt Elements 2018 - March 18-April 28, 2018. At the
 Wayne Art Center, 413 Maplewood Ave, Wayne, PA. For
 more info visit <http://artquildelements.org/>.

World Quilt Florida - January 18-20, 2018.
 Presented by Mancuso Show Management at the
 Orange County Convention Center at 9800
 International Drive, Orlando, FL. For more info
 visit <http://www.quiltfest.com/>.

Here are some quilting resolutions.

From Kathy Matthews internet blog

1. Love your fabric, what you have and what you buy.
2. Get rid of anything you don't love or that makes your sewing room reproachful. Donate that fabric you don't love! Jettison those UFO's, if you valued it you would have finished it.
3. Drink tons of water when you sew.
4. Get up and walk around to break up your sewing time, it will feel good.
5. Love what you sew and eliminate "Quilt Envy" from your life.
6. Work on something that makes you happy.
7. Sew and quilt how you want, not how someone else does it.
8. Breathe and smile as you quilt. Play happy music or have a movie on. Relish your special talent.
9. Take a class or ask advice from another quilter and give yourself time and patience to really learn the new skill.
10. Disregard everything above, add your own resolutions!

Food Pantry Information

Our donations this month will go to St. Mary's food bank in Delphi (Schwenksville). Maryanne Saboe will be taking them. According to their website,

Their Pantry is bare!

Please consider helping St. Vincent DePaul with donation of any of the following:

- canned fruit
- peanut butter
- jelly
- tuna
- cereal and fruit bars
- rice
- ravioli
- mac and cheese, tomato sauce
- cereal
- cleaning materials
- paper products
- toiletries

Remember the Retreat

Our retreat is scheduled for the week of June 25-29, 2018 at Cocalico Inn (Burkholder's) in Denver, PA. It is \$200 with taxes and cleaning fee as additional expenses. Food will be discussed and provided by the guild retreat guests. More details TBA. See Carol Singer for information if you need it.

Time at a retreat is about getting away from the stresses, responsibilities and mad rush of daily life to let the mind quieten down from its daily routine.



Reasons to visit other quilt shows *Carol Olinick*

Like the Sisterhood of the Traveling Pants, the Sisterhood of Quilters shares the love of creating quilts, displaying them and traveling to see more of them. Visiting some local quilt shows recently, I saw tables of chattering quilters who were excitedly discussing their finds – not just the displayed quilts but the wares available from the vendors while enjoying the good food offered at most shows. Some of these quilters belonged to our guild and some seemed to be newcomers to the cult of quilting. But they are all there embracing a love of fabric, thread, blocks, and quilting patterns. Quilters are a breed apart from the normal shopper. They are patient waiting in line at a good quilt sale swapping stories and asking for the bolt of fabric that will be left over when the customer has her piece cut from it. They will usually respond to questions about what they plan for the fabric. Quilters can be always be counted on to show up for “free fabric” or recycled bargains (remember the lines at the Recycle Room). Lectures and workshops draw quilters like bees to honey.

Just before Christmas, my serger needed some attention. I usually go to Steve's but he was in the process of moving so I ventured to Hinkletown Sewing Machine Shop. The website had several compliments on the repair shop. While this is not a fabric shop, anyone who has shopped for Bernina sewing machines in Lancaster at QHC will tell you that this is the shop to visit if you want the best price on a Bernina. My machine is a Baby Lock and they repair all machines. There were many bargains in the shop. Many are trade-ins for his Berninas.

Mr. Zimmerman carries a nice line of Sulky metallic and rayon thread. He sells Horn cabinets for the machine, and even sells used Berninas at phenomenally low prices! Just think... the machine you trade in may be used by a Mennonite or Amish woman in making quilts!"

When I went to retrieve the machine, there was a sale in the classroom. The prices were good if you needed what they had. The shop was crowded both times I was there. People vary from the Amish lady with the buggy to a family from Virginia interested in a table and machine.



It is easy to get to – just off route 322 outside of Ephrata. It is not too far from the infamous Shady Maple complex.

232 Wanner Rd, Ephrata, PA 17522
Cross Streets: Between Division Hwy (322) and Kurtz Rd. (717) 354-0204

hinkletownsewing.com

Minutes from the December meeting *submitted by Diane Bonck*

Co-president Linda opened the meeting.

Minutes from the November 10th meeting were approved by Rita Fillinger and seconded by Donna Armstrong. Treasurer's report was approved by Carol Olinick and seconded by Jane Nase. Presidents asked for Lillian Fisher's missing quiche recipe

Nancy detailed inclement weather information: No guild meeting if Perkiomen Valley School District (#317) operates on a 2 hour delay or is closed. Carol Olinick recommended calling a friend with e-mail if you are unable to hear if a meeting is cancelled.

Requested for help with clean-up after the brunch today. Well wishes for the holiday

The Lancaster Quilt Show March 21-24 at The Continental Inn, 2285 Lincoln Highway, Lancaster PA (see postcard provided)

Opportunity Basket Kathy Graff presented the basket to Catherine Austin

Members/Guests 64 members, 1 guest

Community Cupboard Pat Bochnowitz reported December food pantry donations will be delivered by Janet Hague to Keystone Opportunity. Martin Luther School was the December recipient for gifts and gift cards. January's canned goods donations will go to St. Mary's.

Ronald McDonald House Rita Fillinger read a thank you from Danville for quilts and stockings that were greatly appreciated.

Tip of the Month Janet Hague presented tip information in Lynn Horng's absence. The tips can be found in the newsletter. She did explain that tips were found online.

Request for Cards Rita Fillinger reported that Irene Ferguson had fallen and broke her arm and soon after broke her femur. She is in assisted living in Meadowood. Rita requested cards be sent throughout the holidays. Room # will be forthcoming.

Shirts Barb Tudgay revealed that the shirts previously ordered hadn't come as of this meeting. She said they would be here by next meeting.

Block of the Month Susan Koederitz showed a sample of this month's block. The pattern has been e-mailed to members. Paper copies are also available.

Quilt Silent Auction Auction held in Walnut Room. Beginning bid is listed for each quilt. Helen Kenna clarified the process explaining that each bid needed to be higher than the previous listing.

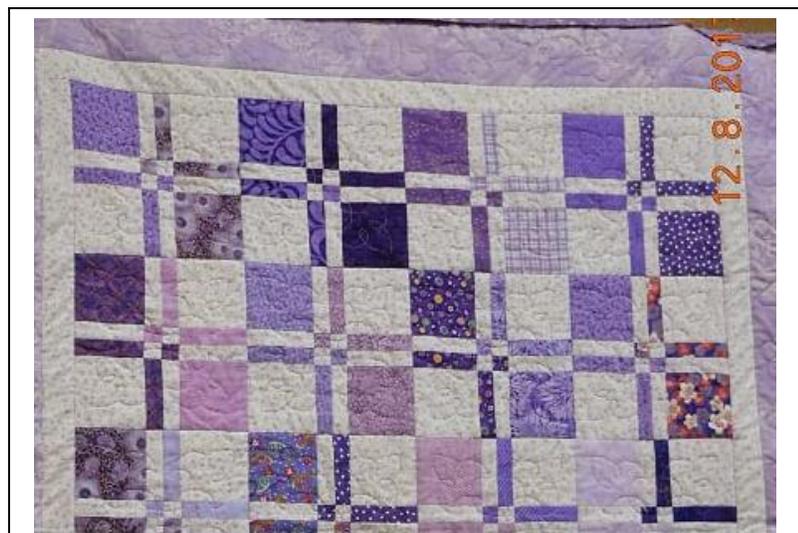
Mercy House Peggy Melachrinis presented a video about Mercy House's purpose and vision and reviewed some of the products available for sale.

Jody Beck Workshop January 12, 2018 workshop, Crazy Nine Patch, \$20. Carol Singer requested that money be given to her today from those planning to participate. A supply list was provided.

No new business. RADA orders are available from Jean Wooster

Show and Tell was followed by the party.

Collected & Written by Darlene Hofmeister, Barb Tudgay, Submitted by Diane Bonck



Historian's Column – This column will have interviews with some of our members who have been in the guild for 30 years or more. This month, Marie Groth is our charming charter member.



Marie will be 93 on January 3rd. She started Getting interested in quilting during the bicentennial when quilting had a resurgence. She remembers always sewing.

She grew up in Lansdale which she said was a wonderful place to live. She has two daughters, Stephanie and Valerie and two grand children, Zachery and Gabrielle.

She loved the piecing of her tops and did mostly hand quilting in the beginning. When her grandchildren were young and she wanted to quilt more quickly, she did machine quilting. However, she says she would rather cuddle up under a hand quilted quilt any day than a stiffer machine quilted one.

Marie saw a blurb in the local newspaper that Margot Carney placed asking if people were interested in forming a quilt guild. She went to the first meeting with about 25 other quilters and became the first secretary. Margot was president, Rita was vice-president, she was the secretary and the treasurer who will be unnamed eventually ran off with the money. They had a rough beginning in the converted chicken coup. But, she really enjoyed the camaraderie and the meeting was the highlight of her month. The members ranged from young married women to older Mennonite ladies many of whom had a lot to offer and she had a lot to learn.

Those were the days of no rotary cutters, templates made from cereal boxes and little fabric selection. She shopped at Lansdale Discount and Souders Fabric Shoppe in Souderton. She remembers a lot of the fabric was the fussy little prints that you would use to make aprons and housedresses.

She doesn't do much quilting now as her fingers are not so nimble. She sees that many of today's quilts are not the functional quilts like when she began quilting.



Show And Tell

