



Homemaker's Country Quilters Newsletter

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Guild Newsletter

March, 2018

Collegetown, PA

March Program –

Lisa Calle will present her journey into her amazing career as a quilter, designer and multi award winner.



Lisa's story will definitely inspire you to try some new quilting techniques and show you how to gain success.

February Program

Jamee Pemberton presented an enthusiastic trunk show of her many quilts.

She shared her quilting journey with the group.

We were certainly impressed with her accomplishments.

She shared that this was her

first formal teaching lecture and we all agreed she was successful.



Bag Lady Gather up your fat quarters and join Angie Roman to make a big bag following the meeting.



HCO Meeting

March 9, 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.

Big Bag Workshop led by our own Angie Roman will be held immediately following the meeting. Bring \$5 for incidental fees

Quilt of Valor Blocks

Remember if you are going to do some individual blocks for Quilts of Valor, Jane Nase needs them by April meeting. Jane was very pleased with how many people asked for information to participate. See Jane with any questions.

May the Irish Leprechaun guide your quilting hands to perfect ¼ inch seams and straight corners.

Fabric Collection and Storage -

HelenMarie has a lot of fabric that she and several others will be collecting on Saturday, March 3rd. She could really use help at our building to take the goodies to the attic. It would probably be about 3 pm. If you can help, call HelenMarie and let her know. If you give a cell phone number, she can call you as we leave the house (about 45 minutes away) Thanks to Ruth Baizman for arranging the pick-up.

We have Quilt Show Chairs

Two of our members have accepted Jane Humay's challenge to co-chair the 2019 Quilt Show. Vicki Haines and Ruth Baizman will join Jane in guiding us to another successful show. They will be looking to the rest of us to step up to make this show as good or better than our others.

Recycle Room Request HelenMarie Marshall

I'm in need of one or two members to help sort donations before our meetings and get them ready to store in the attic. If you can come at 8:30 AM, HelenMarie says she would be most grateful! She never knows what will come in, so some days will be busier than others. As most of you know, our recycle room brings in a nice sum of money during each quilt show, much of which is donated to the organization that funds the building where we meet! We've helped pay for air conditioning, doors, walkways, and other amenities we enjoy all year!

FABRIC SALE @ March meeting in the Oak Room.

Cost: \$2 a yard. Please bring small bills and a shopping bag.

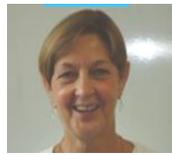


We will start cutting at 7:30 AM and work until finished.

****We need Helpers to set up, cut & replace fabric, and cleanup.****

Rita & Kathy

President's Message



From Linda Carey and Nancy McCormack

Ah, March! A month that is unpredictable weather-wise but a month we can depend on to “march” winter away with the return of Daylight Saving Time and robins and “march” spring right to our doorsteps.

Quilt Show 2019 plans are underway. We are so grateful to Jane Humay for continuing her Quilt Show leadership role, and to Vicki Haines and Ruth Baizman for volunteering to share the many responsibilities a successful quilt show requires. Thank you, also, to our members who are once again chairing a committee. Jane will share more information with you at our meeting. “I have all the fabric I need.” – said no quilter EVER.

So . . . remember, our Country Quiltworks fabric sale (\$2.00 a yard) takes place this month so bring your dollars and BYOB (Bring Your Own Bag). We would like to thank Kathy Graff and Rita Fillinger for storing and transporting the fabric, and for organizing and setting up the sale.

We hope Jamee Pemberton's lecture gave you a gentle push forward on your own quilting journey and that you are looking forward, as we are, to hearing Lisa Calle's presentation.

March Birthdays

Please let me know if I missed your birthday.

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| Barb Tudgay | 1 |
| Marty Cahill | 9 |
| Barbara Lewis | 12 |
| Helen Kenna | 13 |
| Marcia Field | 15 |
| Kathy Schuessler | 23 |
| Dottie Cutler | 29 |

Jody Beck graciously held a make-up workshop at Wooden Bridge for those unable to attend her Workshop in February. Several of our members were able to attend. Jody is generous with her time for charity sewing also. Thank you Jody



ACCU QUILT Machine We had an AccuQuilt Go machine donated to the club. The machine is now available. We will have discussion about its use at the meeting.

Questions asked: Do we need a committee to oversee its use? Should we have it available at meetings or other dates? Should a workshop be held regarding the use of the machine? Come with your ideas. We want to get the best use possible from it.

Vice President's Message



From Angela Roman and Carol Singer

March 9 we will have Lisa H Calle's Trunk Filled with Anything but Junk. Come spend a little time with Lisa Calle, the Bernini Ambassador and Award Winning quilter! With her humor and down to earth attitude she will share with you her personal and professional journey of quilting. Lisa illustrates how she has earned renowned success from her initial piece using a 3/8" seam allowance, to her latest quilt that won awards at the Houston International Quilt Festival as you gain insight on Lisa's amazing craft and her 3 step Divide and Design method any hesitation you have regarding the patience or talent for quilting will quickly disappear. So if you doubt whether or not you can quilt with pride, Lisa will give you the confidence and knowledge needed to start. The world of quilting can be yours too.

On Friday April 13, Gail Kessler from Ladyfingers Quilt Shop will do her lecture "From Concept to Cloth". This is all about how fabrics are designed, printed and distributed. She will also discuss the history of fabric prints made for quilters and how all that came about. Fabric quality and availability is part of the program as well. This includes a trunk show. Friday, May 11, we will be having our annual Tea before we break for the summer. Angie will be talking more about this at the meeting.

Upcoming workshops

In March, after the meeting, Angie will be doing her large bag. We will be doing signups at the meeting. Ladies, if you have signed up for this class, please remember to bring your \$5. for the class.

September 8, Carol Singer will be doing her Machine Quilting Workshop. There will be a \$5. fee. We will be doing signups at the meeting. This class is planned so you will have enough time to quilt your quilts in time for the quilt show in March.

TERRY KRAMZER WORKSHOP

In September, we had Terry Kramzer do a lecture for us and there seemed to be quite a bit of interest in having her back for a workshop. We are able to have her come in October. It will be a 6 hour workshop and therefore will not be on our meeting day. We will discuss other possible dates at the meeting. The fee would be \$40. plus a \$10.00 kit fee. The workshop is titled "Quilting In Layers".

Labels for Ronald McDonald Quilts

Members may make their own or continue to get them from the club. Linda Carey will be printing them.

Tip of the Month

by Lynn Horng



After learning the quilt binding method from HCQ of one continuous piece of binding for all four sides, with beautiful mitered corners, I haven't wanted to use any other method, especially not using four separate pieces of binding with square corners.

However, recently I stumbled upon this alternative method of quilt binding using four pieces. I am really impressed with how, Judi the youtube teacher, made her quilt binding look so neat, clean, and crisp. After all, she uses it in her quilting business, so it has to look professional. I recommend having a look, whether or not you choose to try it (or go back to it, as the case may be!).

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aJFiiACpKRA>

Happy quilting!

Quilt Retreat Cocalico Inn Denver, PA June 25 to 29

Arrival Time – Monday, June 25, 2018 at 2pm

Departure Time – Friday, June 20 at 12 pm

No Curfew - sew all night if you wish

Total cost for each person is \$227.50. The initial deposit was \$50, leaving a balance of \$177.50. This total includes the cleaning fee and taxes. This balance is due April 13.

*4 Days of Sewing, Laughing,
Eating and even shopping*

HCQ Website –

Don't forget that you can print out the Membership Renewal Form from the website to bring with you to pay your dues.



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.

Hospitality Ladies for Feb.

Ladies are responsible for setting up the "goodies" and the coffee, etc. Snacks should be brought to the meeting by 8:45 and no later than 9:00 a.m. as a courtesy to our members.

Sweet: Jane Klotz, Amy Magrann, Jane Humay

Savory: HelenMarie Marshall, Helen Kenna, Joan Fichtner Woodruff

Drink: Martha Kolb

Special Note for Refreshments

- Please remember to take your left-over food and the utensils and containers home with you so the committee does not have to worry about them. If you use a container or utensil from the cabinets or drawers, please wash it and put it back. Each month there seems to be items that are unclaimed at the end of the meeting.

Good News Kathy Graff Irene Ferguson is back at Arbour Square. Cards, phone calls, & short visits would be much appreciated. Her address and phone number are in the membership directory

FYI from Kathy Graff

Our **Ronald McDonald House** in Danville has served the following since 1981 --over 375,00 guests (patients and families) from 65 of 67 counties in Pennsylvania and 34 states in the USA and 27 other countries. They are certainly a worthwhile charity for us to support.

Recycle Room Donations. 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. Remember that items that are being donated are not available for adoption until they are measured and marked.

Mary Kieras is showing her quilt at Show and Tell. See other pictures of February's quilts on pages 7 and 8.

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.



Block of the Month Joyce Stemple

Due to the possibility of distorting the blocks, the block of the month will not be in the newsletter. Look for an email or a copy at the meeting.





THE LANCASTER QUILT SHOW
@ *The Continental Inn* MARCH 21-24, 2018

WED-FRI 9AM-6PM
SAT 9AM-4PM

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

Antique Quilt Exhibit

The Continental Inn
2285 Lincoln Hwy
Lancaster, PA

WWW.LANCASTERQUILTWEEK.COM

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

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

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>.

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

April 14-15, 2018, 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.
County Line Quilt Guild presents “Path around the Garden”
St. Cyril of Jerusalem Church Social Hall
1410 Almshouse Road
Jamison, PA 18929
www.countylinequilters.org
Several quilt shops, Fonthill castle, and the Mercer museum are just minutes from the show venue. Come and make a day of it! Let me know if you need additional information. We hope to see you at the show.
Quilts to See, Quilts to Win,
Demonstrations, Door Prizes,
Boutique Bargains, Brunch at the Café,
And Vendors to Shop

April 15-16, 2018, **Steel City Fiber Festival**, Merchant Square Mall, Allentown, PA.

April 26-29, 2018, The Quilt and Sewing Fest of NJ, The New Jersey Convention and Exposition Center, Edison, NJ, www.quiltfest.com.

Calico Cutters Quilt Guild Presents A World of Quilts Quilt Show

LOCATION Ashton Hall at The Church of the Good Samaritan
212 W. Lancaster Avenue
Paoli, Pa 19301
Click here for directions
DATES May 4 & 5, 2018
TIMES Friday, May 4, 10am - 5pm
Saturday, May 5, 10am - 4pm
ADMISSION - \$8 Age 12 and under are free - Re-entry is free
VENDORS Erin Underwood Quilts/ Blue Hen Quilt Shop, Newark, DE
Hayes Sewing Machine Company, Wilmington, DE
The Quilt Block, Inc., Exton, PA
The Quilt Ledger LLC, Christiana, PA
Smithfield Barn, Downingtown, PA
Stick-it-to-me! Pin Cushions, Ellicott City, MD
FEATURING Bake Sale
Boutique of Quilting and Hand Made Items
Large Display of Members’ Quilts
Raffle of Mini Quilts
Boutique of Quilting and Hand Made Items

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, Mary Ellen Wagner is our featured charter member.

Mary Ellen thinks that she found out about the guild starting from Margot Carney. Mary Ellen was looking for somewhere to share quilting as she was a teacher at Levine's and Lansdale Discount. In 1986 she became a certified teacher with the National Quilting Association.

She and her husband were looking for an investment and they decided to buy a Cindy Hershey's shop "Country Quiltworks." They ran it for five years but we had a recession that seem to affect the age range of quilters who came to the shops. People were buying less and the shop really needed an upgrade. They decided not to stay in business. Mary Ellen has donated many bolts of fabric to our guild. The fabric sale at the March meeting is from her store.

When she has time, Mary Ellen likes to hand quilt. She also does machine piecing and appliqué. As to size she does a little bit of everything from table runners to king sized quilts. Her three daughters learned how to quilt but do not currently quilt. They let Mom do it. She has four granddaughters who keep her busy. She made a New Year's Resolution to make each one of the grand daughters a throw sized quilt but not to buy any fabric. She is making them in their favorite colors and is being successful in using her stash.

What Mary Ellen has seen change in her many years of quilting is that there are more patterns, instructors, authors, and most of all there are notions that really work! Fabric costs more today and there are levels of quality. It is important to buy the fabric that fits the quilt you are making. More expensive higher quality fabric should be used in quilts that have many hours invested in them and are expected to last for years. She also feels the rotary cutter has transformed quilting.

Mary Ellen was registered nurse before having her children and then a stay-at-home mother. After her children were raised she went back to school and got a degree in counseling psychology. She tends to work on Friday mornings so she doesn't get to meetings very often. She still makes her two quilts for Ronald McDonald and this year made some pillowcases.

When asked what she wanted to say about quilting, she replied, "Quilts make you smile."



Mary Ellen and Peter's shop closed in January 2010. It has gone the way of so many of our local quilt shops.

Membership Renewal

At the March meeting I will begin collecting dues for returning members for next year (September, 2018-19). You can find me in the Oak room before the meeting. You may give me a check or cash in the amount of \$30.00 plus a completed member's renewal form. There is a Member's Renewal Form on our website. (Click the link under "Members Only" to open this form.) It is important to fill this out each year to keep your information up-to-date.



For those of you who have been with the guild for 30 or more years your dues are free; but, it is still important to fill out a renewal form.

Thanks,
Joanne McColgan

Food Pantry Information

Our donations this month will go to Food Pantry at Saint Isidore | Quakertown, PA 18951 The Food Pantry's mission is to help area residents (both parishioners and non-parishioners) who cannot feed themselves or their families Located in the Parish Office at 603 W. Broad Street, the pantry is open Tuesdays from 9:30 A.M. to 12:00 P.M., Saturday from 9:30 A.M. to 12:00 P.M., and by special appointment.



The food pantry can use any non-perishable goods. Jeannie Flynn will be taking our donations to the food pantry.

Thanks to Marion Hentz

Marion has printed our labels for the Ronald McDonald quilts for Many years. She is retiring from the label printing business and is ready to hand over the duties. Linda Carey has graciously offered to do the printing but since she has a demanding job as president, if anyone else would like to do it, I'm sure she is willing to relinquish it. See Linda if you feel you can do the job.



Minutes from the February meeting *submitted by Diane Bonck*

Nancy McCormack welcomed the members and guests to our meeting. Linda Carey read three thank you notes for our Giant gift card and food donations given to Keystone, Lord's Pantry and Pennridge FISH food pantries. January Minutes were approved by Dottie Allsion, Joanne McColgan. Treasurer's Report was approved by Pat Miesse, Susan MacFadden.

MEMBERSHIP: Joanne McColgan reminded members to please print & complete the Membership Renewal Form from the Website and pay your dues during the March & April meetings.

WEBSITE: Jane Nase, confirmed that the membership renewable forms are on the Website.

QUILTS OF VALOR: Jane Nase - thank you for the blocks, she will collect more at the March and April meetings for the May 1st, 2018 delivery.

SHIRTS: Barb Tudgay can order & have shirts for the next meeting. Polo's \$22, denim \$35

COMMUNITY CUPBOARD: Pat Bochnowicz - the February donations are going to FISH, delivered by Jane Nase. March's donations are going to St. Isidore's to be delivered by Jeannie Flynn. Pat thanked all for their cards & calls during her recent health issues and recovery.

RONALD MCDONALD: Rita Fillinger, Kathy Graff. There will be a fabric sale from Mary Ellen Wagner's shop at \$2/yard. Please bring your own shopping bag and cash. People are needed to set up, to measure & cut. Please bring your own rotary cutter, rulers & mats.

BLOCK OF THE MONTH: Mary Kieras - the pattern for Air Castle was in the February newsletter. Many complimented her for her beautiful quilt display at Brittany Pointe in Lansdale.

MAY TEA: Angie Roman will be contacting the committee to organize the event.

MARCH WORKSHOP: Angie Roman will be presenting the workshop for the large duffle bag after the regular meeting. Please contact Angie for a supply list.

QUILT SHOW CHAIRPERSON: Jane Humay would like people to come along side her to oversee the committees. Vicki Haines and Ruth Baizman are now helping Jane.

KITCHEN: we need "muscle" to help since our Male volunteer has stepped down.

QUILT SHOW There are still some committee chair persons needed. Please see Nancy or Linda.

QUILT SHOW CHALLENGE QUILT: Linda Carey, Nancy Mc Cormack details to come!

QUILT REGISTRATION: Marianne Sabo will give all the needed information in a notebook to the next volunteer for the responsibilities.

CONSIGNMENT: since we have had difficulty in obtaining outside Vendors for the Quilt Show there will be opportunity for guild members to have a table of homemade quilting related items. More details to follow.

TREASURER: Kathy Schuessler Please give your receipts to her each month to help her keep accurate account of the guild funds. Please give her a record of the number of copies made at the Extension center's printer for payment to the center.

OPPORTUNITY BASKET: Martha Kolb MEMBERS: 62 GUESTS: 3

SPEAKER: Jamee Pemberton told us of her journey of sewing quilts for loved ones to creating quilts for fun and learning new techniques. She had many beautiful quilts in traditional patterns, contemporary quilts of solids with traditional designs and a twist of the traditional pattern. She entertained and inspired us in the use of color and quilting pattern designs. Jamee showed us her collage of nature and Appalachian Trail quilts.

Another Tip of the Month *from Lynn Horng*

Here is a good way to use up your scraps to make a pretty, scrappy border or stripe.

Cut long strips of paper the width you want. Some time ago I picked up several rolls of adding machine tape, since no one uses adding machines anymore, on freecycle.com.

I use fifty inch lengths (the length is whatever you desire) as foundation for piecing in any pattern I want with scraps, using conventional paper piecing technique. Make sure that the scraps go over the edge, and later trim them even with the edge of the tape.

For you gardeners looking forward eagerly to Spring, you can also use strips of paper with watered down Elmer's Glue or a mixture of cornstarch and water brushed down the middle of the tape. Then put seeds at the intervals you desire, and they will stick where you put them. When the weather is right put the tape down in your flower or vegetable bed. Cover lightly with mulch. Keep it watered until sprouts appear. The paper and glue will decompose rapidly and your plants will be perfectly spaced!

Pictures from February's meeting



