



President's Message



I have announcements, news and stories to share with you from the wonderful work we do.

Teaching girls to Sew

Nancy Powell donated Upholstery fabric samples from our Ways and Means supply to her granddaughter's Girl Scout troop. (I think I saw those upholstery samples on the shelf when I was on Ways and Means. That's how long we've had them!) How nice to know that we served future sewers and quilters with that gift. Nancy and her daughter, the troop leader, enjoyed an afternoon teaching the girls to sew. Nancy's observation is, "What's not to like?"

Veteran's Quilts will be donating our quilts to the Coatesville VA on Thursday, Feb. 15th. Phillis Walden invites guild members to join her in dropping off quilts for the nursing home unit and long-term care unit. Masks are required at the VA.

Gail Pickett has been knitting scarves that Georgette Copes donated to the Community Youth and Women's Alliance. We may soon have a **Charitable Gifts** chair. I'm looking forward to that. I have wool hats that I knit while watching TV that I would like to contribute.

A Sign-up sheet for Board Meetings will be on the membership table. All members are welcome to attend board meetings. They are on Zoom. We ask that you list your name and email (needed for the Zoom link.) If you would like to be on the agenda, please identify your topic. Our agenda is packed most meetings, and we'll try to match your topic with other planned discussion items.

Suzanne

This Month's Meeting

February – Member Demos

Wednesday, February 14, 2024 PARC 10:00 AM

We're in for a treat. Accomplished Calico Cutters Quilters will demonstrate their skills in three 15-minute sessions in a round robin format.

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Glue Basting - Kelly Meanix

Learn the magic of using glue to help you quilt. Different types of glue will be shown and where/how to use them. If you are afraid of curves, glue will be your friend and make you successful. I will have samples for you to see if it is for you.

String Piecing - Nancy Powell

Gather your scraps to create a masterpiece!

Machine Embroidery - Karin Cotter

Have you ever thought about dipping your toe into machine embroidery but don't know where to begin? I'll show you the basics, how to get started and suggest some websites for more information. It's addictive.

Potato Chip Blocks – Chris Costanzo

Learn the different variations of the potato chip block (used beautifully by Rose Morgan) using 2" x 3.5" rectangles

Looking Ahead

March - Cheryl See. Cheryl will be presenting a trunk show of her quilts. She will also be offering the following workshop on Friday March 15th (please note day!)

Selvages & Embellishment Full Day Workshop

Take your quilt to the next level with hand embroidery

In this Full-Day workshop students will sew strips of selvages together by machine to form a block. Lace will then be added. Hand embroidery stitches will be taught and used to embellish the block. Additional embellishment options that will be discussed include: beading, lace/ric rack, flat back crystals, and buttons. Students are encouraged to bring embellishment options to personalize their project as well as any embroidery thread they may wish to use. We will also learn beaded cording technique.

Embroidery thread and some embellishment options will be available for use in class.



Supply list is on the website and paper copies will be available at the February meeting.

April - Valerie Goodwin - Virtual Program, A Dialog Between Quilting and Architecture VIRTUAL WORKSHOP from the comfort of your home. Map Play. The seven design elements.

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Ways and Means

May Fundraiser and Auction News

Anticipation is starting and growing as Ways and Means plans for the guilds big springtime fund raising event. Please consider helping by making a donation. We will be collecting items up until the March meeting. Complete raffle baskets or auction items can be accepted up until the April meeting. The following is a list of some ideas:

Finished items such as a quilt or wall hanging, small items that could be included in a raffle basket (templates, irons, notions, mats, thread rulers etc.), gift cards to quilt shops, restaurants, book stores, long arm quilting service, offer a skill or class or service, provide a completed basket for raffle or auction and choose your own theme, totes - pouches - purses - handmade rope baskets bowls or rugs and ...

Many thanks from the ways and means committee!

Calico Cutters Community Work

Comfort Quilt Committee -

The Comfort Quilt Committee continues to accept and distribute quilts for the following organizations:

1. *Project Linus – all sizes for babies, children, youth and adults.*
2. *Penn Hospice Camp Erin – 66" x 89" twin-sized, neutral color palette for either a boy or girl (please avoid floral fabrics, Hello Kitty and unicorns) We collect these throughout the year for the summer camp.*
3. *Penn Hospice Veterans – 36" x 42" made with red, white and blue solids or prints. These are distributed to veterans under Penn Hospice care.*

Please sign-in your quilts at the Comfort Quilt table at each meeting.

Quilt kits are available at the Comfort Quilt table. Please come check them out and return the completed quilts at your convenience.

If you need fabric, batting or a backing, please send me a note and you can pick it up at the next guild meeting or we can make arrangements for an earlier delivery.

With gratitude for all you do,
Comfort Quilt Committee
Lee Ann Comegys, Chair

Joan Boyle, Patti Connell, Nancy Humphreys, Gail Pickett, Debbie VanKleef, Cindy Zencey

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Veterans Quilt Committee –

MASKS REQUIRED for those wishing to attend. Let me know via e-mail and I will send you details.

The week of February 12 is The National Salute to Veterans Week. Special events will be held each day to show appreciation for service and sacrifice of the veterans. Quilts made by Calico Cutters members and others who have made donations will be distributed on February 15 at the Coatesville PA Veterans Hospital. Residents of the nursing home unit and the long-term (2-3 months) care unit are invited to visit the distribution site and select the quilt of their choice. There are red/white/blue patriotic quilts and quilts of other colors. There should be enough so that everyone who wants a quilt will get one.

The Volunteer Coordinator says that experience indicates that not every one of the veterans in these areas will want a quilt. Preferred sizes are for larger individuals. Kits distributed by our committee are generally 60" x 72" – which is a "very good size" according to hospital staff. Other sizes are available and will be distributed as selected.

Thanks to all of you for your continued support. We currently have between 4 and 8 people meeting for workdays on Fridays through February to sew kits for veteran quilt tops. Let me know if you want to join us. When you have a top finished, please return it so it can be quilted and bound.

HELP WANTED – we currently have approximately 14 quilts ready to be quilted on either domestic or longarm machines. We know that you all are busy and appreciate any time and help that you can give us.

I missed the December meeting due to sibling deaths in September and December. Recognition for donations received at the December and January meetings will be included in a future newsletter and/or my end-of year report (June 30). Sending me a reminder of your contribution will be helpful.

Delivery and pickups at our table get hectic sometime. Thank you for your patience. If I have missed your contribution on our growing list of completed quilts, please let me know.

Please contact Phillis Walden at waldenquilts@verizon.net if you have questions, wish to volunteer, need backing or batting for your quilt, or want to pick up a certain kit at our next meeting. Please give me a few days' notice.

Thanks to all of you for all you do!

Veterans Quilt Committee

Phillis Walden (Chair), Penny Arndt, Patti Connell, Jenifer MacFarland, Becky Martin

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Ryan's Cases for Smiles-

THANK YOU to everyone who participated in the 2024 Charity Sew Day. We had tons of fun sewing together, learning new techniques, tag teaming with straight stitching and serging and completing 100 cheerful pillowcases. Please click here for a very special thank you from our entire team:

<https://caseforsmiles.org/philadelphia/>

Hot off the press! Our Corporate Engagement schedule is beginning to build. We are preparing the final details for new opportunities on February 27th, 28th and April 9th. Please check the Philadelphia Chapter page (<https://caseforsmiles.org/philadelphia/>) for more information and a sign-up sheet. We would love to have you join us. Details will be posted by the end of the week.

CCQG 2024 Quilt Challenge



The challenge is on! We have received about 1 dozen entries. If you haven't started already, it is time to get started on your quilt!

Your quilt does not have to be about the games! You can use any inspiration you like as long as it is somehow connected to Paris, France or the Olympic Games. Your quilt can be pictorial or traditional or wherever your imagination takes you.

Time frame: September, 2023 through June, 2024.

...Your finished quilt is due at our June 12, 2024 guild meeting!

Size: Minimum size is 30" Square. Maximum - as big as you want!

Sleeve: As we are hoping to exhibit the quilts at Mancuso in September, 2024 a 4" deep hanging sleeve must be attached to the back of your entry.

Categories for Prizes

Gold - Viewer's Choice - \$50 gift certificate

Silver - Best Interpretation of theme - \$25 gift certificate

Bronze - Most Original - \$10 gift certificate

If it can be arranged, all quilts will show at the Mancuso show at Oaks in Fall 2024.

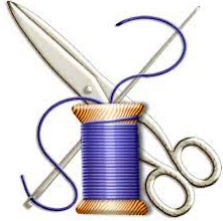
Contact Mary Zoshak with any questions.

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Sew Together Swarm



Join us for virtual sew togethers! The Zoom Room will be open every Thursday from 1-3 PM. Anyone can join and visit with friends.

Save this Newsletter and join the zoom any week by just clicking here:

Modern Swarm

PLEASE NOTE THERE IS A NEW MEETING ID AND PASSCODE FOR 2024.

Our Modern Swarm meetings will resume on Monday, January 8, 2024 and continue on the 2nd Monday of each month going forward.

Meetings start at 7PM on ZOOM and run about an hour.

The Modern Swarm is a casual gathering of members and friends who are interested in modern quilting. We also do a little show and tell. Do you have a project that you think is modern? We would love to see it.

In January we will see the completed collaborative quilt from 2023 and talk about possible quilting designs. Join us! All are welcome!

Mary Zoshak is currently sending out reminders to those who have been attending regularly. If you would like to be included in the email reminder list, drop Mary a note.



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Sunshine

We want our members to know that we are thinking about them, but we need your help to do that.

Do you know of anyone in the guild who is having health or family issues? How about some good news that should be celebrated? Please send a note to the sunshine committee (Lee Paylor).



Dormant Dare

A Dormant Dare is an unfinished project that you have completed! You may have started it last year or years ago – I don't count the years. In January, you may have numbered 12 projects that you want to finish. If you are working with the suggested numbers, that is fine... if you need to change the numbers that is fine also. You can finish whatever project that you find!

January – project 6

February – project 12

March – project 9

Let Lee Paylor know when you finish a Dormant Dare!

Lost and Found

A member lost a wallet during the January meeting (sew in). If you found it, please turn it into the sign in table at the February meeting. Thank you!

Local Events

February 22nd-25th 2024: **QUILTCON** in Raleigh, North Carolina

April 10, 2024 – April 13, 2024 EDT **32nd annual Lancaster PA Quilt Show**. It has moved to the Lebanon Valley Expo and Fairgrounds in Lebanon PA. 55 vendors and over 100 quilts from 5 different quilt guilds. Free raffle to win over \$1500 worth of quilting products donated by our vendors. Classes being offered. Food on site. FREE admission-asking for \$1 donation to keep show free. Free parking. Handicap accessible.

April 12th - 14th 2024: **Northern Shenandoah Valley Quilt Show**. [LINK](#)

May 2nd – 4th 2024: **Rhapsody In Color Quilt Show**, Faithful Circle Quilters 9325 Presbyterian Circle, Columbia, Maryland, 21045

May 4th & 5th 2024: **County Line Quilters Guild, Spring Radiance Show**. The 2024 quilt show will be held at St. Cyril of Jerusalem Church at 1410 Almshouse Rd, Jamison, PA

June 11th – 13th: **Craft Monkeys USA Midweek Craft Retreat Sewing and Quilting**. [LINK](#)

June 14th & 15th 2024: **Quilters in Bloom Quilt Show** 9am-5pm, Central Columbia High School. 4777 Old Berwick Road, Bloomsburg, PA (admission \$8)

June 21st – 23rd 2024: **Brandywine Valley Quilters Quilt Show** [LINK](#)

September 11, 2024 – September 14, 2024 **2024 AQS QuiltWeek Quilt Show Spooky Nook Sports Conference Center** 75 Champ Blvd. Manheim, PA 17545 [LINK](#)

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September 12th – 15th: Pennsylvania Quilt Extravaganza, Oaks, PA [LINK](#)

October 4th & 5th 2024: **Berks Quilters Guild Quilt Show** 2024, 9am-5pm. Leesport Farmer's Market, 312 Gernant's Church Road, Leesport, PA (admission \$8)

Inclement Closing Information

PARC URL: cccbsa.org

On our meeting day, check PARC website for a weather-related closing and/or late opening. Info will be posted at 5:30 a.m.

Our guild meeting closing info will be published on our website by 8 a.m.

Use this Post Office Address for the Guild

The guild post office address has changed to a post office closer to our meeting place. The address is:

P.O. Box 3013
Exton, PA 19341

All mail should be sent to the PO box. Thank you!

Email: calicocutters@gmail.com