



President's Message



Happy new year to all!

As I enjoy this season, I'm thinking of the many charity endeavors our guild pursues. I am grateful to be in your company.

I'm looking forward to 2024.

Suzanne

This Month's Meeting

January – Charity Sew-In

This month's meeting will benefit the guild's outreach through Comfort Quilts, Veteran's Quilts and Ryan's Cases for Smiles. We will have a brief business meeting and show and tell, then onto sewing.

Doors open at 9:30 am. If you're early you can help set up.

Bring your sewing machine and supplies, including mat, ruler, rotary cutter, and an extension cord. **NO irons.** Irons will be provided by the guild. Comfort and Veterans quilt committees will have some kits but please bring your own also. Dana will bring pillowcase kits. Bring your lunch & a drink. We will be sewing from 10 am to 3 pm.

SFF bee will have a slideshow of scrappy demos, string pieing and potato chip block ideas. Any scrap block samples will be made into comfort quilts.

Ways and Means will have door prizes galore and fate quarters and scrap bags for sale to support the day's efforts. Come join the fun!!

Programs

From Elaine Mayer:

I am excited about the brief meeting and the Charity sew in. Many thanks to Donna Remesh for her generous donation of fabrics she would like used for our charity sewing. We may also

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use the fabrics on our Ways and Means table to complement funds for batting, and other supplies. I look forward to coordinating this effort with the chairs of the Charity groups.



LOOKING AHEAD

February - Demos. I am rearranging our Demo hostess list due to family illness. I would LOVE 2 MORE VOLUNTEERS to have 5 demo hostesses (approximately 10 minutes for each demo). Please email or text me: elainemaye@gmail.com or 610-429-8137.

March - Cheryl See. Cheryl will be presenting a trunk show and offering a workshop. She indicated at the time of signing her contract she would not be able to provide samples for the workshop prior to early February as she is participating in Road to California.

April - Valerie Goodwin. A VIRTUAL presentation, "A Dialogue Between Quilting and Architecture."

Ways and Means

There will be fat quarters and scraps for sale for the charity sew in.

Hospitality

A big thank you from Hospitality to the members for all your help setting up and breaking down the holiday party! Thank you also for all the donations of food - it was all delicious!



Calico Cutters Community Work

Comfort Quilt Committee -

Every Christmas I watch A Charlie Brown Christmas. My favorite part is when Linus says, "That's what Christmas is all about, Charlie Brown." Every month when we receive your beautiful quilts for distribution to our charity groups, I think, "That's what Calico Cutters is all about" and I get a little chill of gratitude for all of you!

The following note came into our Calico Cutters email account. Here again, this is what Calico Cutters is all about.

*Dear Calico Cutters,
Merry Christmas! I wanted to thank you for donating a beautiful quilt to Penn Hospice that found its forever home with us. My husband, Eric, passed away this past May of ALS. Penn Hospice was so kind to give us one of your beloved quilts (floral colorful pattern). My two little girls and I love it so much and will forever cherish it. I'm using it as I type. Thank you so much from the bottom of our hearts. It brought tears to my eyes the love that was put into that quilt and into our hearts.*

*Kind regards,
Christine C. Chen*

Next week is our annual Sew-in. The Comfort Quilt Committee will have quilt kits available for you to work on and take home to complete. Please feel free to bring any Comfort Quilts you are currently working on or bring your favorite fabric and pattern to start a new one. We look forward to being together for a day of quilting. Don't forget to bring your lunch.

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.

A special thank you to the following members who so graciously contributed quilts at the November guild meeting.

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Comfort Quilts for Project Linus and Penn Hospice

Betty Dix – 3	Sally Hartshorne – 2	Nancy Humphreys – 1
Gail Pickett – 1 (quilted by Karin Cotter)		Jen Litton – 1
Kathy Talley – 1	Beth Ann McNutt – 1	Mary Zoshak – 1
Kathy Harris – 3	Julie Wright – 1	Beth Goldberg – 1
Sue Peck – 1	Alice Reber – 1	Nancy Coccetti – 1
Penny Arndt – finished kit quilt top		

If you submitted quilts during our December Luncheon, please send me an email with your name and the number of quilts contributed. We did not keep track that day due to all the other activities and space constraints. Thank you for your contributions!

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

Ryan's Cases for Smiles

As 2023 comes to a close, we send a huge holiday hug full of gratitude and appreciation for all you do to support our mission. Thank you from the entire Ryan's Case for Smiles team!

Coming up next:

1/10/24 Get your machines and sergers ready! We will provide pillowcase kits for our charity sew day!

1/15/2024 – Please join us for Team Oliver's 5th Annual Pillowcase Sewing Day for Ryan's Case for Smiles at St. John's Presbyterian Church in Devon. We need all sorts of volunteers to sit and teach kids to pin & sew, sergers, ironers and lots of other ways to help. Please consider signing up for a morning or afternoon session. Sign up link: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0C4DA8A62CA64-46441706-team#/>

Veterans Quilt Committee –

Happy New Year 2024! Time to reserve your sewing space now!

Thanks to all of you for your support of our veteran's quilt committee in 2023 and our efforts to have a quilt available to each resident in the Coatesville VA Hospital section for residential living during 2024. We need at least 126 quilts - no smaller than 45" x 60". Most are approximately 60" x 72".

To help us reach our goal, the Emmaus PA Public Library (11 E Main St, Emmaus PA) will provide free sewing space to our registered participants. Reserve your space now by e-mailing Phillis Walden at: Waldenquilts@verizon.net or call me at 610-262-6609 and leave a message telling me which Session or Sessions you would like to attend. We have space for 10-12 sewers - 2 people per 10' table - in each session. These quilts are an expression of our thanks for services rendered by the veteran and his or her family and are much appreciated by the recipients.

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Kits will be cut out and available to sew during each session or you can take one to complete at home. We will be making blocks to complete the top for at least 1 quilt in each session. We will need Longarm quilters for the tops when they are completed and have a couple of people who have volunteered to finish bindings. Any help you can provide will be much appreciated. Please let me know as soon as you have a chance how you can help and which work session or sessions you will attend.

Bring a sewing machine in good working order that you know how to use, be able to accurately sew a 1/4" seam and bring usual sewing supplies. Fabric, kits, samples and directions will all be provided. We will have irons and ironing boards available and someone to press seams as you progress. Bring a drink. If you sign up for 2 sessions on the same day, please bring a snack or lunch.

If you will car pool, please make sure that I know who is riding together so I can make sure you get your selected sessions. Listing 1st, 2nd and 3rd choices will be helpful.

Sessions Available - all are on Fridays...

- January 19 - Session 1 - 10:30 am - 1:30 pm
- Session 2 - 1:30 pm - 4:30 pm

- January 26 - Session 3 - 10:30 am - 1:30 pm
- Session 4 - 1:30 pm - 4:30 pm

- February 2 - None

- February 9 - Session 5 - 10:30 am - 1:30 pm
- Session 6 - 1:30 pm - 4:30 pm

- February 16 - Session 7 - 10:30 am - 1:30 pm
- Session 8 - 1:30 pm - 4:30 pm

- February 23 - Session 9 - 10:30 am - 1:30 pm
- Session 10 - 1:30 pm - 4:30 pm

Thanks for all you do!

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.

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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

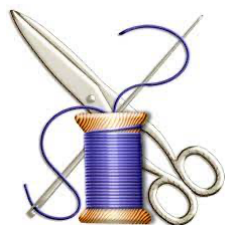
Silver - Best Interpretation of theme - \$25 gift certificate

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.

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:

(For security reasons, this link will not be available in the Newsletter that is posted on our website, so you need to save this version. Here's a tip...highlight the link information above and copy it right to your calendar notes!)

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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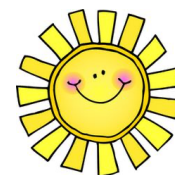


Modern Swarm Invitation
Topic: Modern Swarm
Time: Jan 8, 2024 07:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

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!

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 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](#)

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September 11, 2024 – 8:00 AM – September 14, 2024 – 5:00 PM EDT **2024 AQS QuiltWeek Quilt Show** in Lancaster PA

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!

