



### *President's Message*



#### Celebrating Quilters

This month I'm celebrating quilters who focus on the beauty in our natural environment. Recently, I had the privilege of traveling with Mary Zoshak, Sue Peck and Donna Kipphorn to Oregon to the Sisters Outdoor Quilt Show. Quilts are displayed for just one day from early morning to late afternoon on porches, buildings, and in parks in the downtown. Quilters from all over the country, including four ladies from Boston in our tour group, shared their quilts, both modern and traditional, an eclectic grouping of creative expression.

Sisters, Oregon is an artsy town of 2000+ and the home of accomplished quilter, Jean Wells, owner of The Stitching Post quilt shop. The town is surrounded by gorgeous scenery of lakes, hiking trails, mountain streams. Beautiful places inspire artists and quilters and Central Oregon is exceptional in this regard.

Suzanne Doonan, President

### *This Month's Meeting and Workshop*

**Meeting Wednesday, August 2, 2023 (please note meeting is first week of August!)**

*Doors Open 9:30 AM*

*Meeting begins at 10:00 AM*

**Speaker: Amy Friend**

Amy's presentation will focus on Improv paper piecing and she will share lots of her original patterns.

During Quit Time, Amy's business started during nap time! Her quilts have been published in many magazines and several books.

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If you want to read more about her, visit: <https://duringquiettime.com/>

## Workshop:

Thursday, August 3, 10 AM  
PARC Campus

*We will use Amy's Gulls Quilt Pattern to learn to foundation paper piece with efficiency. She will teach her low waste technical approach to paper piecing and discuss its other benefits as well, as it relates to keeping the fabric on grain and prints directional. If you are new to foundation paper piecing, you will pick this technique up quickly! If you are well versed in FPP, this will likely be a new approach for you so it might feel counterintuitive but it will add a new skill to your FPP toolbox once mastered. We will also discuss modern quilt design, particularly improv paper piecing and deconstruction.*



[Click here for supply list](#)

Gulls Foundation Paper Piecing. Members and Waitlist: \$70; non-members: \$80

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## LOOKING AHEAD

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### Sept – Kevin Womack

Kevin will present a lecture about “Color Theory”. Have you ever looked at a color wheel and felt confused? Are you unsure when choosing colors for your projects? Join me on my personal journey of color exploration to help demystify the process. Just why did I choose those colors for that quilt? Do those colors really go together? Learn the answers as we discuss technical terms and see over 40 quilt examples that demonstrate nine different color theories.

Seeing how colors combine and dance across the surface of a quilt fascinates him. He hopes to instill this love of color play in you and leave you inspired to step out of your comfort zone to try new and exciting color combinations for your quilts.

If you want to read more about him, visit: [www.kevinwomackart.com](http://www.kevinwomackart.com)

### Workshop with Kevin:

#### Geli Plate Monoprinting

In this fun, process-oriented workshop, explore ways of monoprinting on cloth using gelatin and/or a Gelli Plate. Create complex textural imagery by playing with found objects and fabric paint. With use, the gelatin will break down, producing even more wonderful texture in the results. I will provide the paint and introduce several methods of producing prints with my tools. You supply the fabric and let your imagination run wild. Come prepared to have fun, get messy and be seduced by the silky-smooth surface of a gelatin plate!

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Location: Board and Brush Creative Studio, 142 Wallace Ave. Suite 102, Downingtown PA

Members and Waitlist: \$65 Non-members: \$75

For more information contact Elaine Mayer

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## *New Website*

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The new website will launch this week (probably Wednesday). Check it out! Same address as always: [www.calicocutters.com](http://www.calicocutters.com) If you wish to return to the homepage just click on the Calico Cutters logo (butterfly).

*Just a note: Anytime you connect a domain to a new site, it's going to take about 24-72 hours to propagate that change across the entire internet and outside servers. So, this means during propagation, the old website may be appear as it is stored in search results that are still updating. If you don't see the new site right away, don't worry it will come up in a couple of days.*

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## *Ways and Means*

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Come and shop the thrift table this month! We have mountains of thread and gadgets priced to sell or make us and offer. Seriously people - there are bargains to be had and we don't want to "store" the stuff.

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## *Millers Consignment Shop 2023*

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It's that time again . . . Miller Time! We've received colorful and creative pieces of quilt artistry. We'll be collecting your special items through the summer. Please bring them to the meetings or to Suzanne Doonan. Remember we will be selling our beautiful items at Millers starting September 13<sup>th</sup>.

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## *Fall Retreat*

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Registration is half way full!! This means if you are planning to join us for the October 12 – 15 retreat you had better get your registration and deposit in ASAP.

[Click here for registration form](#)



### *Calico Cutters Community Work*

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

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 in May each year. If you want to contribute throughout the year, just let us know.*
3. *Penn Hospice Veterans – 36” x 42” made with red, white and blue solids or prints.*

*Please turn these in at the Comfort Quilt table.*

***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.***

*We have received a few large donations of wonderful fabric that we have assembled into quilt kits. Thank you, Sharon Nungester for your son’s generous contribution of Crayola fabric.*

*Please come check them out at our table. At our July meeting we gave out kits to seven members.*

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

#### *Comfort Quilts for Project Linus*

*Marianne Caporale – 1  
Joan Boyle – 3  
Betty Dix – 3  
Lee Ann Comegys – 2 (long-arm quilted by Cindy Zency)  
Chris Costanza – 1  
Cynthia West -1  
Lois Casadevall – 1  
Patti Connell – 3  
Patti Connell – Twin-sized for Penn Hospice  
Jan Zwizanski – 1  
Great job! Keep on quilting!*

*With gratitude for all you do,*

*Comfort Quilt Committee*

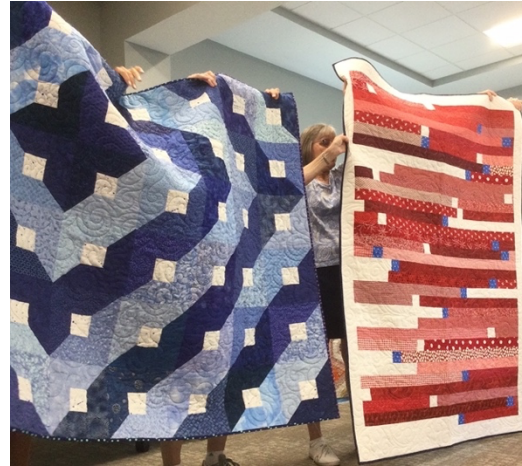


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Lee Ann Comegys, Chair, Joni Boyle, Patti Connell, Nancy Humphreys, Gail Pickett, Debbie VanKleef, Cindy Zencey



## **Veterans Quilt Committee –**

Thank you for your continuing work and generosity in supplying quilts for the veterans at the Coatesville VA Hospital. In June, we added 5 more quilts toward our 126 goal for this year - thanks to:

*Patti Connell – 2 finished quilts*

*Gail Pickett – 2 finished quilts – quilted by Jackie Mowday*

*Terry Kramzar – 1 Judy Newby quilt top quilted*

*Nancy Coccetti – 1 set of blocks sewn from kit taken previously*

## **We will have for distribution at the August meeting (please help us if you can):**

*4 sewn quilt tops, backing and batting – to be quilted – longarm or domestic machine*

*4 kits for sewing – blocks or tops to complete*

*We are currently:*

- *Collecting 6-1/2” squares of quilt shop quality fabric – patriotic or solids preferred.*
- *Setting up workshop days where you bring your machine and sew blocks for veteran quilts.*
- *Besides the annual sewing day, we are working on setting up weekly sew days - probably Thursday or Friday at a library room either in Downingtown (room for 4 or 5) or near Allentown (room for 6-8)*

*Let me know if you might be interested in sewing at either of these locations – expected to be in October and/or November on a trial basis. Kits will be pre-cut. All fabric provided.*



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Also, if you have any interest and skills to complete some of the Judy Newby projects, please e-mail me (Phillis Walden) at [waldenquilts@verizon.net](mailto:waldenquilts@verizon.net) to let me know.

Thanks again for your continuing efforts and creativity in support of guild activities. We look forward to hearing from you soon.

We have kits available for all skill levels. If you can sew  $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam, we will make a kit especially for you if you let us know what you have in mind. Want to cut out and make a whole quilt? We will give you pattern, fabric, batting and backing. Have time for just a few blocks? That's ok. Maybe you only want to sew together strips or squares of fabric? Or make blocks for a string quilt. Want to try your hand at making new blocks – Churn Dash, Flying Geese, Friendship Star, Disappearing 9-patch, etc.? Let me know, and I will make a kit for you. We sincerely appreciate all of your contributions!

Please contact Phillis Walden at [waldenquilts@verizon.net](mailto: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



## Three fun things to share from Ryan's Case for Smiles

**VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY:** Are you free to volunteer for a corporate engagement in Philadelphia at Baker Tilly on either 8/1 or 8/2 (or both)? We are sewing pillowcases from 9-12:00. Carpooling is available from Gateway Shopping Center and Panera Bread in West Chester. Please sign up by following this link: [https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSczRFy-ukiZemn8hEbnJNFnkeDc0xhP6fNeJjrOiSk8R5QaQ/viewform?usp=pp\\_url](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSczRFy-ukiZemn8hEbnJNFnkeDc0xhP6fNeJjrOiSk8R5QaQ/viewform?usp=pp_url)

**SAVE THE DATE:** Our annual Miles of Pillowcase Smiles sewing day is 9/17/23 at West Goshen Fire Hall. Please join us for a fun day of pillowcase sewing, laughter and friendship. We need sewers, ironers and pinners! Questions: email [Dana@caseforsmiles.org](mailto:Dana@caseforsmiles.org). Click here for more details and to register: [https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScwRm0UK42g6tfXAuizsfxyY943xwIkXpIzHLdhy48ny2SqZg/viewform?usp=pp\\_url](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScwRm0UK42g6tfXAuizsfxyY943xwIkXpIzHLdhy48ny2SqZg/viewform?usp=pp_url)

**SUMMER CHALLENGE:** We have an abundance of pillowcase cuffs but a lack of coordinating bodies. Please look through your stash for child friendly patterns (look through the eyes of a

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child). Take a picture of your fabric and bring it to the August meeting. We invite you to take some cuffs and sew through your fabric stash. Kathy Gubanich will have bins of pre-cut cuffs that you are welcome to take to complete some pillowcases. Please return your finished cases in September. Thank you!

To learn more, click here: <https://caseforsmiles.org/philadelphia/>

## ***New Members Luncheon***

The New Member Luncheon will be held immediately after the September 13, 2023 general meeting. New members will meet the board and committee chairs and learn their roles. They will be invited to participate so they can become active members of Calico Cutters.

If you are a member of the board or a committee chair, please RSVP to Donna Kipphorn or Linda Kerschner before September 1. Please sign up with Linda Kerschner at the August 2, 2023 meeting if you plan to bring a salad or a dessert to the luncheon.

Thank you all for making our new members feel welcome!

## ***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***

Modern Swarm meets the second Monday of each month. The meeting starts at 7:00 PM and the doors open at 6:30 PM.

It 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.

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.

*Topic: Modern Swarm*

*Time: Jul 10, 2023 06:30 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)*

*Every month on the Second Mon, 6 occurrence(s)*

*Aug 14, 2023 06:30 PM*

*Sep 11, 2023 06:30 PM*

*Oct 9, 2023 06:30 PM*

*Nov 13, 2023 06:30 PM*

*Dec 11, 2023 06:30 PM*





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### *Sunshine*

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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).

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### *Dormant Dare*

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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!

*July - project 12*

*August – project 3*

*September – project 1*

Let Lee Paylor know when you finish a Dormant Dare!

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### *Use this Post Office Address for the Guild*

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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!